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Taft Public Library

303rd

Annual Report



TOWN OF MENDON

Massachusetts

FOR THE YEAR 1969

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

303rd ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667

Population 2310, 1965 Census

Registered Voters in 1969, 1258

Annual Election: Fourth Monday in March

Annual Meeting:
Succeeding Friday Evening after the Fourth Monday in March

County Commissioners:

William H. Cassidy

Joseph A. Aspero

Paul X. Tivnan

Webster

Worcester

Paxton

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Harold D. Donohue

Worcester

Fourth Senatorial District:

James A. Kelly, Jr.

Oxford

Eighth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

F. Leo Kenney

Thomas Creighton

Uxbridge

Uxbridge

Sheriff of Worcester County:

Joseph A. Smith

Leominster

State Director of Public Welfare:

Helen F. Irons

Mendon

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Gideon Halsing

Selectmen

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Arthur Wiersma, Chairman | Term expires 1970 |
| James H. Grant | Term expires 1971 |
| John S. Hogarth | Term expires 1972 |

Fence Viewers

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Arthur Wiersma | John S. Hogarth |
| James H. Grant | |

Town Clerk
Emily L. Coleman

Town Treasurer

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Roland A. Kinsley | Term expires 1970 |
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Tax Collector

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Philip W. Harding | Term expires 1970 |
|-------------------|-------------------|

Assessors

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas D. Hackenson, Chairman | Term expires 1970 |
| Charles H. Wood | Term expires 1971 |
| Walter J. Channing | Term expires 1972 |

Constables

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Paul Tyler | Term expires 1970 |
| William Rondeau | Term expires 1971 |
| Kelsie E. Townsend, Jr. | Term expires 1972 |

Board of Health

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Melba J. Armour | Term expires 1970 |
| Edward J. Lamothe, Chairman | Term expires 1971 |
| Ruthann M. Roy | Term expires 1972 |

Regional District School Committee

Mendon Members

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| *L. Everett Murch | Term expires 1970 |
| Nancy L. Bradley | Term expires 1971 |
| Richard L. Childs | Term expires 1972 |
| *Resigned Richard J. Ferrucci appointed | |

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District
Mendon Representative

J. Gerard Sweeney Term expires 1971

Superintendent of Schools
Gordon B. Allan

Trustees of Taft Public Library

E. Jane Coleman Term expires 1970

Mae L. Snay Term expires 1971

Richard L. Childs Gordon B. Allan Arthur Wiersma

Water Commissioners

Donato F. Leone, Chairman Term expires 1970

Carlton L. Goss Term expires 1971

James S. Ferrucci Term expires 1972

Park Commissioners

Francis A. Irons Term expires 1970

*Robert A. Brownley Term expires 1971

Patrick E. Dunlavy Term expires 1972

*Resigned Warren J. Goodnow appointed

Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent
William E. Nuttall

Industrial Development Commission

John E. Quirk Elmer C. Nelson

Jesse F. White

Highway Surveyor
Harold Metcalf

Housing Authority

Edward A. Hummel Term expires 1970

Beatrice C. Wood Term expires 1971

Joseph F. Bradley Term expires 1971

David B. Lowell Term expires 1973

Shelley D. Vincent III Term expires 1974

Planning Board

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| David F. Hamilton | Term expires 1970 |
| Donald A. Wheeler | Term expires 1971 |
| Eldon H. Barrows | Term expires 1972 |
| Gordon R. Good | Term expires 1973 |
| Norman I. Rogers | Term expires 1974 |

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Chief of Police | Kelsie E. Townsend, Jr. |
| Town Counsel | Louis J. Noferi, Jr. |
| Dog Officer | James S. Ferrucci |
| Wiring Inspector | Walter J. Channing |
| Asst. Wiring Inspector | Alfred C. Comolli |
| Fire Chief and Forest Warden | Linwood E. Lowell |
| Superintendent of Streets | Harold Metcalf |
| Custodian Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves | Douglas Taylor |
| Town Accountant Term expires 1971 | Elizabeth A. Martini |
| Surveyor of Wood and Bark | Irvine Broom |
| Veterans' Agent | Louis W. Benotti |
| Director of Civil Defense | Bradford G. Shapley |
| Gas Inspector | Vincent Powers |

Registrars of Voters

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| George A. Daige | Term expires 1970 |
| Ernest S. Thomas | Term expires 1971 |
| Henry B. Twitchell | Term expires 1972 |

Emily L. Coleman, Clerk

Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| H. Raymond Grant | William F. Ober |
| Robert G. Brewer | Arthur F. Johnson |
| Thomas P. Guerra | Emerson W. White |

Daniel N. Barnes, Chairman

Field Drivers

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Alexander Woleck | James S. Ferrucci |
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Edward C. Goss

Board of Appeals for Sub-divisions

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Thomas P. Guerra | Term expires 1970 |
| Richard C. Varney | Term expires 1971 |
| Walter J. Butler, Jr. | Term expires 1972 |
| Francis H. Dunbar, Alternate | William M. Kimball, Alternate |

Conservation Committee

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| H. Raymond Grant | Term expires 1970 |
| F. Blaine Hawkes | Term expires 1971 |
| Lawrence R. Pezzella | Term expires 1972 |

Appointed by Board of Health

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Board of Health Physician | Ronald A. Lukert, M.D. |
| Plumbing Inspector | Robert J. Rossetti |
| Assistant Plumbing Inspector | Vincent Powers |
| Inspector of Animals | Vernon A. Barrows |
| Inspector of Slaughtering | Francis D. Morrison |

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moderator

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|--------------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ | 45.00 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Salary | \$ | 25.00 | |
| Association Meeting | | <u>11.74</u> | |
| Total Expended | | 36.74 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>8.26</u> | \$ 45.00 |

Board of Selectmen

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,563.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Salaries | \$1,112.50 | |
| State and County Dues | 60.00 | |
| Association Meetings | 20.22 | |
| Milford Daily News | 97.13 | |
| Hobbs & Warren (forms) | 19.86 | |
| Handbooks | 5.00 | |
| Floral Pieces | 30.00 | |
| File Cabinet | 103.12 | |
| Printing and Postage | 24.00 | |
| Box Rental | <u>4.40</u> | |
| Total Expended | \$1,476.23 | |
| Unexpended | <u>86.77</u> | \$1,563.00 |

Town Accountant

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|--------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ | 875.00 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Salary | \$ | 775.00 | |
| Prep. Schedule A | | 15.00 | |
| Office Supplies | | 3.50 | |
| Forms | | 36.05 | |
| Association Meeting | | 4.00 | |
| Postage | | <u>6.00</u> | |
| Total Expended | \$ | 839.55 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>35.45</u> | \$ 875.00 |

Treasurer — Expenses

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 850.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Hubbard Sweet Insurance Agency, Inc. | \$ 197.00 | |
| Postage | 191.64 | |
| Certification of Notes | 20.00 | |
| Servicing Agreement | 30.00 | |
| Office Supplies | 66.89 | |
| Office Equipment | 150.00 | |
| Equipment Repair | 7.00 | |
| State Association Dues | 4.00 | |
| Association Meetings | 6.00 | |
| Other | <u>36.00</u> | |
| Total Expended | \$ 708.53 | |
| Unexpended | <u>141.47</u> | \$ 850.00 |

Finance Committee

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 100.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Association Dues | \$ 20.00 | |
| Association Meetings | 19.60 | |
| Office Supplies | <u>24.80</u> | |
| Total Expended | \$ 64.40 | |
| Unexpended | <u>35.60</u> | \$ 100.00 |

Collector of Taxes

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$2,213.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Salary | \$1,312.50 | |
| Insurance | 117.80 | |
| Bonds | 205.00 | |
| Printing and Postage | 280.00 | |
| P. O. Box Rental | 3.60 | |
| Association Dues | 4.00 | |
| Association Meeting | 10.00 | |
| Bulletin Board & Sign | 21.89 | |
| A. W. LaFond Co., Inc. (forms) | 110.80 | |
| Milford Daily News | 19.80 | |
| Recording Fee | 5.30 | |
| Office Supplies | <u>42.75</u> | |
| Total Expended | \$2,133.44 | |
| Unexpended | <u>79.56</u> | \$2,213.00 |

Board of Assessors

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$2,150.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$1,200.00 | |
| Association Dues | 24.00 | |
| Appellate Court Costs | 95.00 | |
| Travel | 35.00 | |
| File Cabinet | 67.62 | |
| Milford Daily News | 6.00 | |
| Deeds and Abstracts | 322.94 | |
| Postage and Forms | 88.38 | |
| Total Expended | <u>\$1,838.94</u> | |
| Unexpended | <u>311.06</u> | \$2,150.00 |

Town Counsel

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 700.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Jacob Oppewal | \$ 561.40 | |
| Louis J. Noferi, Jr. | <u>110.00</u> | |
| Total Expended | <u>\$ 671.40</u> | |
| Unexpended | <u>28.60</u> | \$ 700.00 |

Town Clerk

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,163.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Salary | \$ 488.00 | |
| Association Meetings | 242.70 | |
| Recording Fees | 96.00 | |
| Adm. Oath of Office | 20.00 | |
| Association Dues | 19.00 | |
| Xerox Copies | 13.45 | |
| Insurance and Bond | 28.00 | |
| Rebind Book | 32.00 | |
| Office Supplies | 58.21 | |
| Typewriter Maintenance | 18.50 | |
| Milford Daily News | 17.33 | |
| Postage and Printing | 64.37 | |
| Toll Calls | 12.19 | |
| P. O. Box Rent | <u>2.70</u> | |
| Total Expended | <u>\$1,112.45</u> | |
| Unexpended | <u>50.55</u> | \$1,163.00 |

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | \$ 1,340.00 |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | <u>53.08</u> |
| Total | \$ 1,393.08 |

Expended:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 860.42 |
| Upton Mimeographing Serv. | 75.50 |
| Clarke Printing Co. | 242.00 |
| Charlescraft Press | 35.00 |
| Hobbs & Warren, Inc. | 9.76 |
| Milford Daily News | 15.75 |
| New England Steak House (meals for election workers) | 55.00 |
| Postage | 6.00 |
| Stamp Pad | 3.65 |
| Storage Cabinet | <u>90.00</u> |

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|----------------|-------------|
| Total expended | \$ 1,393.08 |
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HEAT & LIGHTS TOWN BUILDINGS

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | \$ 2,500.00 |
|---------------|-------------|

Expended:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Nydam Oil Service | \$ 1,183.38 |
| Thompson Oil Co. | 554.89 |
| Niro & Dec | 45.52 |
| Department of Public Safety | 10.00 |
| Mass. Electric Co. | <u>699.11</u> |

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| Total expended | \$ 2,492.90 |
| Unexpended | <u>7.10</u> \$ 2,500.00 |

RECORD ROOM

Appropriation \$ 4,550.00

Expended:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 3,731.89 |
| New England Telephone | 166.38 |
| Mass. Electric Co. | 62.33 |
| Suburban Propane | 245.02 |
| Limoli Air Conditioning | 12.00 |
| Office Supplies | 98.63 |
| Repairs | 30.00 |
| I.B.M. Maintenance | <u>35.03</u> |

Total expended \$ 4,381.28

Unexpended 168.72 \$ 4,550.00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation \$ 1,238.00

Expended:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries | \$ 637.50 |
| Janitor's Equipment & Supplies | 268.61 |
| Repairs | 275.42 |
| Suburban Propane Co. | <u>46.84</u> |

Total expended \$ 1,228.37

Unexpended 9.63 \$ 1,238.00

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation \$ 325.00

Expended:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Printing Town Maps | \$ 20.00 |
| Printing Graph Sheets | 28.00 |
| Bulletin Board and Racks | <u>103.50</u> |

Total expended \$ 151.50

Unexpended 173.50 \$ 325.00

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

| | | | |
|----------------|----|---------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ | 300.00 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Advertising | \$ | 157.20 | |
| Conference | | <u>12.50</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ | 169.70 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>130.30</u> | \$ 300.00 |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|---------------|---------------|
| Appropriation | | \$ | 35,225.00 |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | | | <u>794.48</u> |
| Total | | \$ | 36,019.48 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 26,509.05 | |
| Association Meetings | | 96.46 | |
| School and Travel | | 652.72 | |
| National Safety Council | | 45.00 | |
| Repairs | | 766.28 | |
| Equipment | | 1,560.00 | |
| Gas | | 1,977.69 | |
| Telephone | | 760.00 | |
| Answering Service | | 1,888.00 | |
| Association Dues | | 25.00 | |
| Insurance | | 432.47 | |
| Postage & Stationery | | 46.00 | |
| Law Books | | 103.50 | |
| Uniforms & Badges | | 491.57 | |
| P. O. Box Rent | | 2.80 | |
| Club Rent | | 52.00 | |
| Supplies | | <u>467.51</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ | 35,876.08 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>143.40</u> | \$ 36,019.48 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Appropriation | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | <u>300.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 6,300.00 |

Expended:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Linwood E. Lowell, Chief | \$ 400.00 |
| Test Blowing | 50.00 |
| Payrolls | 2,447.41 |
| Equipment | 1,136.61 |
| New England Telephone | 499.24 |
| Mass. Electric | 58.10 |
| Davis Insurance Co. | 245.40 |
| Gulf Oil Corp. | 174.68 |
| Association Dues & Meetings | 219.20 |
| Repairs & Supplies | <u>1,027.76</u> |

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|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total expended | \$ 6,258.40 | |
| Unexpended | <u>41.60</u> | \$ 6,300.00 |

DOG OFFICER

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Appropriation | \$ 1,060.00 |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | <u>391.55</u> |
| Total | \$ 1,451.55 |

Expended:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Salary | \$ 60.00 |
| Envelopes | 33.55 |
| Boarding & Destroying Dogs | <u>1,312.00</u> |

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|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total expended | \$ 1,405.55 | |
| Unexpended | <u>46.00</u> | \$ 1,451.55 |

CIVIL DEFENSE

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 350.00 |
|---------------|-----------|

Expended:

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Salary | \$ 100.00 |
| Supplies | <u>8.55</u> |

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|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| Total expended | \$ 108.55 | |
| Unexpended | <u>241.45</u> | \$ 350.00 |

AUXILIARY POLICE

| | | | | |
|----------------------|----|--------------|----|--------|
| Appropriation | | | \$ | 500.00 |
| Expended: | | | | |
| Army and Navy Supply | \$ | 401.50 | | |
| Supplies | | <u>5.95</u> | | |
| Total expended | \$ | 407.45 | | |
| Unexpended | | <u>92.55</u> | \$ | 500.00 |

Tree Warden

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|---------------|---------------|
| Appropriation | | | \$2,800.00 |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | | | <u>587.90</u> |
| | | | \$3,387.90 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Labor | \$ | 656.40 | |
| Dues | | 2.00 | |
| Equipment: | | | |
| Alberto Power Equipment | | 68.65 | |
| Douglas Tanner Service & Equipment | | 2,054.25 | |
| Lakeside Garage | | <u>10.00</u> | |
| Total Expended | | \$2,791.30 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>596.60</u> | \$3,387.90 |

Insect Pest Control

| | | | | |
|--|----|---------------|----|--------|
| Appropriation | | | \$ | 800.00 |
| Expended: | | | | |
| William Nuttall, Wages and Car | \$ | 25.00 | | |
| Milford Daily News | | 4.50 | | |
| Poison Ivy Spray | | 150.00 | | |
| Bay Colony Helicopters, Inc.(Spraying) | | <u>620.00</u> | | |
| Total Expended | \$ | 799.50 | | |
| Unexpended | | <u>.50</u> | \$ | 800.00 |

Dutch Elm Control

| | | |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,300.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| William Nuttall, Wages and Car | \$ 25.00 | |
| Bay Colony Helicopters, Inc.(Spraying) | <u>1,275.00</u> | |
| Total Expended | | \$1,300.00 |

Mosquito Spraying

| | | |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 900.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Bay Colony Helicopters, Inc.(Spraying) | \$ 899.71 | |
| Total Expended | <u>\$ 899.71</u> | |
| Unexpended | <u>.29</u> | \$ 900.00 |

BOARD OF HEALTH

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 7,655.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Salaries | \$ 841.25 | |
| Association Dues | 3.00 | |
| Association Meetings | 74.20 | |
| Milford Area Visiting Nurses | 400.00 | |
| Milford Mental Health Center | 547.00 | |
| Clinic Expenses | 13.61 | |
| Office Supplies | 20.21 | |
| File Cabinet | 103.12 | |
| Mass. State Bev. License | 10.00 | |
| Mileage of Board | 51.00 | |
| Rent of Town Dump | <u>2,400.00</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ 4,463.39 | |
| Unexpended | <u>3,191.61</u> | \$ 7,655.00 |

GENERAL REPAIRS

Appropriation:

| | | | |
|--|----|---------------|-------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$ | 4,800.00 | |
| Expenses | | 2,000.00 | |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund for expense account | | <u>743.75</u> | \$ 7,543.75 |

Expended:

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$ | 4,489.20 |
| Penn Culvert Co. | | 992.39 |
| Aldor Tetreault, dozer work | | 250.00 |
| R. Weiker, grader | | 240.00 |
| Comm. of Mass., Police signs | | 243.00 |
| Daniels Insurance Co. | | 206.74 |
| B. & M. Crushed Stone Corp. | | 164.08 |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Company | | 106.63 |
| Southeastern Const. Co. | | 152.21 |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co. | | 103.30 |
| Attending meetings, etc. | | 66.35 |
| Corbett Concrete Pipe Co. | | 76.80 |
| Farrell Sign Co. | | 65.00 |
| Rudolph Gadoury | | 43.65 |
| Centre Supply Co. | | 17.21 |
| Hopedale Hardware | | 56.32 |
| Files Equipment Co. | | 36.72 |
| Hopedale Coal & Ice Co. | | 21.30 |
| Postage | | 18.00 |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co. | | 26.03 |
| Niro & Dec Co. | | 14.50 |
| Municipal Industrial Supply | | 17.42 |
| Hobbs & Warren | | 11.87 |
| Cahills News Agency | | 5.84 |
| Association dues | | 5.00 |
| Curtiss Coal Co. | | 4.13 |
| Electric Appliance Co. | | <u>6.00</u> |

\$ 7,439.69

Total expended

\$ 7,439.69

Unexpended

104.06 \$ 7,543.75

PARK STREET CONSTRUCTION

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----------|-----------------|
| Appropriation | \$ | 4,000.00 | |
| Balance from 1968 | | 833.62 | \$ 4,833.62 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Labor | \$ | 48.40 | \$ 48.40 |
| Hired equipment: | | | |
| R. Weiker | \$ | 60.00 | \$ 60.00 |
| Materials: | | | |
| Penn Culvert, pipe | \$ | 112.91 | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co., gravel | | 50.00 | |
| H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance | | 3.86 | \$ 166.77 |
| Expended | | | \$ 275.17 |
| Unexpended | | | <u>4,558.45</u> |
| | | | \$ 4,833.62 |

SNOW REMOVAL

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 20,000.00 | |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | | 50.35 | |
| Transfer from Excess & Deficiency | | <u>723.60</u> | |
| Total | | | \$ 20,773.95 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Labor | \$ | 7,773.95 | |
| Hired Equipment | | 7,568.75 | |
| International Salt Co. | | 3,594.06 | |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co. | | 962.45 | |
| H. A. Daniels Insurance Co. | | 358.03 | |
| George F. Blake Co., Blades | | 168.56 | |
| Milford Welding Co. | | 20.00 | |
| Aldor Tetreault, Welding | | 50.00 | |
| Curtiss Coal Co., Stakes | | <u>9.04</u> | |
| Total Expended | \$ | 20,504.84 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>269.11</u> | \$ 20,773.95 |

CHAPTER 81

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|---|------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | \$ 3,700.00 | |
| State Allotment | <u>10,175.00</u> | \$ 13,875.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Labor | \$ 7,046.30 | |
| Town Equipment | <u>48.00</u> | \$ 7,094.30 |
| Hired Equipment: | | |
| R. Peterson, C. B. Cleaner | \$ 240.00 | |
| W. & W. Const. Co., Low bed trailer service | 30.00 | |
| R. Weiker, Grader & Roller | 579.00 | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Backhoe & Sanders | <u>578.00</u> | \$ 1,427.00 |
| Materials: | | |
| Independent Bituminous Co., Inc. | | |
| Road Oils | \$ 3,408.44 | |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Gravel Co., Sand & Stone | 681.85 | |
| B. & M. Industries, Cold Patch | 584.75 | |
| H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance | 340.32 | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co. Inc., Gravel, loam, etc. | 303.00 | |
| Hopedale Hardware, Paint | <u>35.28</u> | \$ 5,353.64 |
| Total expended | \$ 13,874.94 | |
| Unexpended | <u>.06</u> | \$ 13,875.00 |

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1966 FUNDS

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | \$ 3,500.00 | |
| County Allotment | 3,500.00 | |
| State Allotment | <u>7,000.00</u> | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Balance in 1966 Funds | <u>\$ 8,355.96</u> | \$ 8,355.96 |
| Expended: | | |
| Labor | \$ 1,845.60 | |
| Town equipment | <u>288.00</u> | \$ 2,133.60 |

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|---------------------|----|---------------|-----------|
| Hired equipment: | | | |
| A. Tetreault, dozer | \$ | 588.00 | |
| C. Goss, compressor | | <u>355.60</u> | \$ 943.60 |

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|-----------------------------------|----|---------------|-------------|
| Materials: | | | |
| H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance | \$ | 147.72 | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co., | | | |
| Gravel & Fill | | 3,598.50 | |
| B. & M. Industries, patch | | 44.83 | |
| Roland Temple, Dynamite & caps | | <u>311.80</u> | \$ 4,102.85 |

| | | | |
|------------|----|-----------------|-------------|
| Expended | \$ | 7,180.05 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>1,175.91</u> | \$ 8,355.96 |

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | | | |
|------------------|----|-----------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | \$ | 2,000.00 | |
| State Allotment | | 2,000.00 | |
| County Allotment | | <u>2,000.00</u> | \$ 6,000.00 |

| | | | |
|----------------|----|--------------|-------------|
| Expended: | | | |
| Labor | \$ | 2,173.50 | |
| Town Equipment | | <u>96.00</u> | \$ 2,269.50 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|---------------|-----------|
| Hired Equipment: | | | |
| R. Weiker, Grader & Roller | \$ | 294.00 | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co. Inc., | | | |
| Compressor, backhoe, sanders | | <u>305.50</u> | \$ 599.50 |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----------------|-------------|
| Materials: | | | |
| B. & M. Industries Inc., Patch | \$ | 142.28 | |
| Penn Culvert Co., Pipe | | 459.88 | |
| So. Eastern Const., Co., C. B. | | | |
| blocks, covers, grates | | 63.97 | |
| H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance | | 99.60 | |
| Independent Bit. Co. Inc., road oils | | 1,336.92 | |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., | | | |
| Sand & Stone | | <u>1,027.15</u> | \$ 3,129.80 |

| | | | |
|----------------|----|-------------|-------------|
| Total expended | \$ | 5,998.80 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>1.20</u> | \$ 6,000.00 |

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Transferred from Road Machinery Fund \$ 5,700.00

Expended:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Gulf Oil Corp. | \$ 1,716.19 |
| H. A. Daniels Insurance Co. | 387.01 |
| Donald B. Lowell Insurance | 642.06 |
| Karl A. Bright Insurance | 225.23 |
| Lakeside Garage | 904.11 |
| Milford Auto Parts | 102.55 |
| Frabotta Motors | 375.70 |
| Rudolph Gadoury | 124.49 |
| Milford Products | 136.40 |
| Casey-Dupuis Corp. | 480.99 |
| K C Equipment Corp. | 116.17 |
| Registry of Motor Vehicles | 42.00 |
| Davis Tractor Corp. | 44.47 |
| National Chemsearch | 31.39 |
| B. & M. Shell Oil Co. | 5.00 |
| William Auty, welding | 15.00 |
| O'Grady's Service Station | 80.50 |
| Morse Body Mfg. Co. | 26.27 |
| Centre Supply | 16.11 |
| Lee Auto Body | 30.00 |
| Milford Daily News | 12.00 |
| Wrentham Equipment | 13.36 |
| Municipal Industrial & Supply | 11.64 |
| Files Equipment Corp. | 39.43 |
| Carl Anderson, welding | 62.97 |
| Scott-Ahern | <u>6.98</u> |

\$ 5,648.02

Unexpended 51.98 \$ 5,700.00

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Appropriation \$ 8,000.00

Expended:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Casey-Dupuis Equip. Corp. | \$ 2,847.50 |
| Nelson's Service Station | 4,828.98 |
| Rudolph Gadoury | 66.60 |
| Tru-Bilt Body Co. | <u>2.75</u> |
| | \$ <u>7,745.83</u> |

Unexpended 254.17 \$ 8,000.00

**BATES STREET CONSTRUCTION
CHAPTER 616 ACTS OF 1967**

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------|-------------|
| Balance from 1968 | \$ | 2,289.76 | |
| State allotment for 1969 | | <u>2,734.76</u> | \$ 5,024.52 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Labor | \$ | 2,478.00 | \$ 2,478.00 |
| Hired Equipment: | | | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co., | | | |
| Backhoe & sanders | \$ | 497.00 | |
| A. Tetreault, dozer | | 385.00 | |
| C. Goss, Compressor | | <u>108.00</u> | \$ 990 00 |
| Materials: | | | |
| Roland Temple, dynamite & caps | \$ | 113.80 | |
| H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance | | 197.72 | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Gravel | | 999.80 | |
| Independent Oil Co., road oil | | 186.20 | |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand | | 41.00 | |
| Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., oil | | <u>11.14</u> | \$ 1,549.66 |
| Total expended | \$ | 5,017.66 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>6.86</u> | \$ 5,024.52 |

BLACKSTONE STREET DRAINAGE

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Labor | \$ | <u>501.70</u> | \$ 501.70 |
| Hired equipment: | | | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Backhoe, | | | |
| Compressor, low bed trailer | \$ | <u>285.00</u> | \$ 285.00 |
| Material: | | | |
| Penn Culvert Co., Pipe | \$ | 1,995.08 | |
| B. & M. Industries Co., Patch | | 36.47 | |
| Upton Fuel & Const. Co., cement | | <u>4.05</u> | \$ 2,035.60 |
| H. A. Daniels Ins. Co., Insurance | \$ | <u>23.71</u> | \$ 23.71 |
| Total expended | \$ | 2,846.01 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>153.99</u> | \$ 3,000.00 |

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

| | | | |
|--|----|---------------|-----------|
| Balance January 1, 1969 | \$ | 5,790.62 | |
| Transferred to Road Machinery Acct. | | 5,700.00 | |
| Paid to Town Treasurer for equipment use: | | | |
| Chapter 81 | \$ | 48.00 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | | 96.00 | |
| Chapter 90 Construction 1966 Funds | | <u>288.00</u> | \$ 432.00 |
| Unexpended Road Mach. Acct. | \$ | 51.98 | |
| Unexpended 1969 Account | | <u>90.62</u> | \$ 574.60 |

VETERANS

| | | | |
|------------------|----|-----------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | | | \$ 11,600.00 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Salary | \$ | 487.50 | |
| Postage | | 6.00 | |
| Association Dues | | 15.00 | |
| Aid (8 cases) | | <u>8,744.37</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ | <u>9,252.87</u> | |
| Unexpended | | <u>2,347.13</u> | \$ 11,600.00 |

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | \$2,900.00 |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | <u>86.00</u> |
| Total | \$2,986.00 |

Expended:

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Salaries and Wages | \$1,632.94 - | |
| Mass. Electric Co. | 6.50 - | |
| Campbell and Hall | 56.22 - | |
| Doubleday & Co. | 108.00 - | |
| H.W. Wilson Co. | 37.00 - | |
| Nathaniel Dame & Co. | 67.03 - | |
| Oceans Magazine | 7.00 - | |
| Regent Book Co. | 37.87 - | |
| Clarke Printing Co. | 12.50 - | |
| F.W. Faxon Co. | 100.00 - | |
| Barney Coal Co. | 330.79 | |
| Alfred C. Comolli | 185.00 - | |
| Hopedale Hardware Co. | 21.06 - | |
| P.O. Box and Postage | 15.60 - | |
| Gaylord Brothers | 38.55 - | |
| Bro-Dart | 30.05 - | |
| American Library Assoc. | 20.00 - | |
| Mass. Library Assoc. | 3.00 - | |
| Cahill's News Agency | 6.46 - | |
| Demco | 25.45 - | |
| Floor Cleaning Supplies | <u>7.60 -</u> | |
| Total Expended | \$2,748.62 | |
| Unexpended | <u>237.38</u> | \$2,986.00 |

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Anna Ellis Fund | |
| Campbell and Hall | \$ 45.00 |

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Fletcher Fund | |
| Campbell and Hall | \$300.00 |

PARK DEPARTMENT

| | | | |
|----------------------|----|---------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$ | 1,250.00 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Wages | \$ | 81.90 | |
| Treeland Nursery | | 975.00 | |
| Clayton Parkinson | | 27.20 | |
| Hopedale Hardware | | 16.04 | |
| Lakeside Flower Shop | | <u>30.00</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ | 1,130.14 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>119.86</u> | \$ 1,250.00 |

TOWN BEACH

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|--------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | | \$ | 3,200.00 |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | | | <u>52.73</u> |
| Total | | \$ | 3,252.73 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 2,202.73 | |
| Association Dues | | 27.50 | |
| Hopedale Hardware | | 99.08 | |
| Lionel Leclair | | 120.00 | |
| Norman Rogers | | 26.40 | |
| Rubbish Removal | | 20.00 | |
| Milford News | | 9.00 | |
| Massachusetts Electric | | 16.59 | |
| Maintenance | | 415.74 | |
| Supplies | | 133.61 | |
| File Cabinet | | 70.85 | |
| New England Telephone | | 27.61 | |
| Oil | | <u>43.75</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ | 3,212.86 | |
| Unexpended | | <u>39.87</u> | \$ 3,252.73 |

TOWN REPORTS

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Distribution of Reports | \$ 18.15 | |
| Charlescraft Press, Inc. | <u>1,224.46</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ 1,242.61 | |
| Unexpended | <u>157.39</u> | \$ 1,400.00 |

WATER DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Expended: | | |
| Milford Water Co. | \$ 1,749.21 | |
| Bellingham Water Co. | 58.48 | |
| Meter Reader | 36.00 | |
| File Cabinet | 103.12 | |
| Postage | <u>12.00</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ 1,958.81 | |
| Unexpended | <u>41.19</u> | \$ 2,000.00 |

RESERVE FUND

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Transfer by Finance Committee to: | | |
| Cruiser Purchase | \$ 33.00 | |
| Town Beach Salaries & Wages | 52.73 | |
| Tree Warden Expense | 587.90 | |
| General Repair Expense | 743.75 | |
| Town Hall Renovation | 596.40 | |
| Interest on Temp. Loans | 1,120.49 | |
| Dog Officer Account | 391.55 | |
| Fire Dept. Salaries & Wages | 300.00 | |
| Elections and Registrations | 53.08 | |
| Taft Library Salaries & Wages | 86.00 | |
| Group Insurance Administration | 8.70 | |
| Snow Removal Salaries & Wages | 50.35 | |
| Police Dept. Salaries & Wages | <u>794.48</u> | |
| Total expended | \$ 4,818.43 | |
| Unexpended | <u>181.57</u> | \$ 5,000.00 |

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT
December 31, 1969

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Personal Property | \$ 33,967.65 |
| Real Estate | 356,480.13 |
| Farm Animal Excise | 553.50 |

Previous Years:

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Personal Property | 292.74 |
| Real Estate | 27,168.11 |
| Tax Titles | 72.35 |

From the State:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Income Tax | 33,170.57 |
| Corporation (Business) | 756.00 |
| School Aid Chapter 70 | 70,829.60 |
| Regional School Aid | 10,614.53 |

Licenses and Permits:

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Alcoholic Beverages | 3,300.00 |
| Pistol Permits | 100.00 |
| Firearms Permits | 208.00 |
| All Other | 919.50 |

Grants and Gifts:

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Medical Assistance | 452.55 |
|--------------------|--------|

From the State:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| School Transportation | 7,947.02 |
| Vocational Education | 438.23 |
| Handicapped | 73.00 |
| Aid to Schools Projects | 3,492.62 |
| Aid to Libraries | 517.00 |
| School Lunch | 823.64 |

From the County:

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Dutch Elm Control | 197.43 |
| Dog License Refund | 360.63 |

Privileges:

Motor Vehicle Excise:

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Current Year | \$ 52,713.10 |
| Previous Years | 7,761.15 |

Departmental:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Pay Station Commission | 90.21 |
| Certification of Municipal Liens | 69.00 |
| Advertising Licenses | 91.15 |
| Town Hall Rent | 124.75 |
| Wiring Inspections | 339.00 |
| Town Maps | 15.00 |
| Valuation Books | 199.50 |
| Fines and Forfeitures | 60.00 |
| Dog Officer Reimbursement | 1,184.00 |
| Welfare Office Rent | 540.00 |
| Police Insurance Reports | 160.00 |
| Beverage License | 20.00 |
| Highway Machinery | 189.87 |
| Sale of Equipment | 56.00 |
| Photostat Copies | 2.90 |
| Sale of Dogs | 72.00 |

Highways:

From the State:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Chapter 81, Acts 1968 | 3,586.03 |
| Chapter 81, Acts 1969 | 3,259.45 |
| Chapter 90 Maint. 1968 | 1,699.82 |
| Chapter 616, Acts 1967 | 2,734.76 |

From the County:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Chapter 90 Maint. 1968 | 1,699.82 |
|------------------------|----------|

From the Town:

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Truck and Machinery Rental | 432.00 |
|----------------------------|--------|

Charities:

From the State:

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Public Welfare—General Relief | 9.00 |
| Disability Assistance | 62.81 |
| Medical Assistance | 3,677.60 |
| Veterans' Services | 6,145.89 |

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Library Fines | 11.75 |
| Water Services | 2,633.33 |
| Revenue Loan | 225,000.00 |

Interest:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Thayer Cemetery Fund | 8.00 |
| Deferred Taxes | 1,211.61 |
| Tax Title | 12.72 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 258.56 |
| Conservation Committee | 5.70 |

Agency, Trust and Investment

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Dog License Fees | 1,021.75 |
| Income Trust Funds | 370.00 |
| Federal Withholding Taxes | 8,238.08 |
| State Withholding Taxes | 1,554.69 |
| State W/H Tax Services | 11.95 |
| Worcester Co. Retirement Fund | 2,640.23 |
| Employees Group Insurance | 1,442.28 |

Refunds

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Welfare | 5.60 |
| General Departments | 69.90 |
| Tax Collector's Bond | 53.00 |
| Blue Cross Insurance | 215.73 |
| Police Department | 165.93 |

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Receipts | \$884,660.42 |
| Balance January 1, 1969 | 104,724.31 |
| | <u>\$989,384.73</u> |

EXPENDITURES

General Government

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Moderator's Salary | \$ 25.00 |
| Moderator's Expense | 11.74 |
| Selectmen's Salaries | 1,112.50 |
| Selectmen's Expense | 363.73 |
| Town Accountant's Salary | 775.00 |
| Town Accountant's Expense | 64.55 |

| | |
|--|-----------|
| State Audit of Accounts | 2,261.96 |
| Treasurer's Salary | 1,500.00 |
| Treasurer's Expense | 708.53 |
| Collector's Salary | 1,312.50 |
| Collector's Expense | 820.94 |
| Assessors' Salaries and Wages | 1,200.00 |
| Assessors' Expense | 638.94 |
| Finance Committee Expense | 64.40 |
| Town Clerk's Salary | 488.00 |
| Town Clerk's Expense 1968 | 473.89 |
| Town Clerk's Expense 1969 | 624.45 |
| Town Counsel's Salary | 50.00 |
| Town Counsel's Expense | 621.40 |
| Valuation Book | 569.80 |
| Elec. and Registrations Salaries and Wages | 860.42 |
| Elec. and Registrations Expense 1968 | 63.23 |
| Elec. and Registrations Expense 1969 | 532.66 |
| Record Room Salaries and Wages | 3,731.89 |
| Record Room Expense | 649.39 |
| Record Room Equipment | 1,234.06 |
| Planning Board Expense | 151.50 |
| Town Hall Expense | 1,228.37 |
| Town Hall Renovation | 15,596.40 |
| Heat and Light Town Buildings | 2,492.90 |
| Industrial Development Committee Expense | 169.70 |

Protection of Persons and Property

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Constables' Salaries | 60.00 |
| Police Department Salaries and Wages | 27,789.05 |
| Police Department Expense | 8,252.96 |
| Police Cruiser Trade-in | 2,658.00 |
| Fire Department Salaries and Wages | 2,897.41 |
| Fire Department Expense | 2,224.38 |
| Fire Department Equipment | 1,136.61 |
| Insect Pest Control | 799.50 |
| Dutch Elm Disease Control | 1,300.00 |
| Mosquito Spraying | 899.71 |
| Tree Warden Salaries and Wages | 656.40 |
| Tree Warden Expense | 2,134.90 |
| Wiring Inspector | 200.00 |
| Gas Inspector's Salary | 25.00 |
| Dog Officer | 1,405.55 |

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Civilian Defense | 108.55 |
| Auxiliary Police Expense | 407.45 |

Health and Sanitation

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Board of Health | 4,463.39 |
| Worcester County Hospital | 1,557.51 |

Highways

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| General Repairs Salaries and Wages | 4,695.94 |
| General Repairs Expense | 2,743.75 |
| Snow Removal Salaries and Wages | 7,773.95 |
| Snow Removal Expense | 12,730.89 |
| Park Street Construction | 275.17 |
| Road Machinery Maintenance | 5,648.02 |
| Chapter 81 | 13,874.94 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 5,998.80 |
| Chapter 90 Construction 1966 | 7,180.05 |
| Bates Street | 5,017.66 |
| Blackstone Street Drainage | 2,846.01 |
| Equipment | 7,745.83 |
| Street Lighting | 1,471.65 |

Charities

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Disability Adminisration—Federal | 47.65 |
| Medical Assistance—Federal | 616.43 |
| Administration of Veterans' Services | 508.50 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 8,744.37 |

Schools and Library

| | |
|--|------------|
| Regional School General control | 378,611.28 |
| Blackstone Val. Voc. School Gen. Control | 7,893.00 |
| Taft Public Library Salaries and Wages | 1,632.94 |
| Taft Public Library Expense | 1,115.68 |

Recreation

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Park Department | 1,130.14 |
| State Recreation Areas | 3,252.30 |
| Town Beach Salaries and Wages | 2,202.73 |
| Town Beach Expense | 1,010.13 |
| Reg. Summer Rec. Program | 146.00 |

Pensions

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| Annuity Fund | 500.00 |
|--------------|--------|

Unclassified

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| State Assessment System | 92.40 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills | 279.00 |
| Memorial Day Observance | 151.45 |
| Town Reports | 1,242.61 |
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves | 50.00 |
| Insurance Town Buildings | 2,932.00 |
| Group Insurance Administration | 108.70 |
| Worcester County Retirement Fund | 4,693.21 |
| Unpaid Bills of 1968 | 180.65 |

Public Service Enterprise

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Water Department Maintenance | 1,958.81 |
|------------------------------|----------|

Interest

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Temporary Loans | 4,620.49 |
| Water Construction Note | 11.25 |
| Town Beach Note | 396.00 |
| Elem. School Addition Note | 1,080.00 |

Municipal Indebtedness

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Water Construction Loan | 1,000.00 |
| Regional School, Capital Cost | 20,978.37 |
| Revenue Loan | 225,000.00 |
| Elem. School Addition Loan | 6,000.00 |
| Town Beach Loan | 2,000.00 |
| B.V. Voc. School, Capital Cost | 2,373.00 |

Agency, Trust and Investment

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| County Tax | 20,982.71 |
| Sale of Dogs | 60.00 |
| Dog Licenses for County | 1,027.00 |
| Trust Funds | 370.00 |
| State Withholding Tax | 1,554.69 |
| Federal Withholding Tax | 8,238.08 |
| Contributory Retirement Fund | 2,640.23 |
| Group Insurance, Town Employees | 2,537.56 |

Refunds

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1968 Real Estate Taxes | 49.86 |
| 1969 Real Estate Taxes | 777.00 |
| 1968 Motor Vehicle Excise | 457.21 |
| 1969 Motor Vehicle Excise | 1,773.94 |
| Total Expenditures | \$900,404.25 |
| Balance December 31, 1969 | <u>88,980.48</u> |
| | \$989,384.73 |

ELIZABETH A. MARTINI
Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1969

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| Assets | | Liabilities and Reserves | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash | \$ 88,980.48 | Agency: | \$ |
| Accounts Receivable: | | Sale of Dogs--County | 12.00 |
| Taxes: | | Tailings--Unclaimed Checks | 63.32 |
| Levy of 1967 | \$ 6.20 | Thayer Cemetery Fund Income | 100.55 |
| Real Estate | | | |
| Personal Property | 162.18 | Federal Grants: | 538.72 |
| Real Estate | 4,903.49 | Medical Assistance | |
| Levy of 1969 | | Appropriation Balances: | |
| Personal | 456.08 | Revenue: | |
| Real Estate | 36,906.51 | General | 61,086.60 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise: | | Loan Authorized and Unissued | 15,000.00 |
| Levy of 1969 | | Sale of Real Estate Fund | 700.00 |
| Farm Excise: | | Receipts Reserved for Appropriations: | |
| Levy of 1968 | 45.00 | Road Machinery | 574.60 |
| Levy of 1969 | 169.40 | State Aid to Libraries | 517.00 |
| Tax Titles and Possessions | | Reserve Fund: | |
| Tax Titles | 973.85 | Overlay Reserved for Abatements | 2,093.57 |
| Tax Possessions | 53.87 | Overlay Surplus | 2,209.30 |
| Departmental: | | Revenue Reserved Until Coll. | |
| Town Hall | 45.50 | Motor Vehicle Excise | 4,646.57 |
| Welfare Office Rent | 90.00 | Farm Animal Excise | 214.40 |
| O. A. Assistance | 91.73 | Tax Title & Possessions | 1,027.72 |
| Veterans' Services | 1,874.28 | Departmental | 2,101.51 |
| Water: | | Water | 134.83 |
| Rates | | Aid to Highways | 44,115.37 |
| | | Surplus Revenue | 52,240.40 |
| | | | 62,456.00 |
| | | | \$197,592.06 |

Aid to Highways:

State:

Chapter 90 Const. 1966
Chapter 90 Const. 1967
Chapter 90 Const. 1968
Chapter 90 Maint. 1969
Chapter 81

7,000.00
7,000.00
7,000.00
2,000.00
6,915.55

County:

Chapter 90 Const. 1966
Chapter 90 Const. 1967
Chapter 90 Const. 1968
Chapter 90 Maint. 1969

3,500.00
3,500.00
3,500.00
2,000.00

Loans Authorized unissued
Unprovided for or Overdrawn
Underestimates 1969

County Tax
State Recreation Area

572.04
64.50

42,415.55
15,000.00

636.54

\$197,592.06

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

Inside Debt Limit:

General

\$ 10,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:

General

30,000.00

\$ 40,000.00

Serial Loans:

Inside Debt Limit:

General:

Land Purchase (Beach)

\$ 10,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:

General:

School Building Addition

30,000.00

\$ 40,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Trust and Investment Funds: | | |
| Cash and Securities: | | |
| In Custody of Town Treasurer | | |
| | \$ 74,504.88 | |
| | <u> </u> | |
| | \$ 74,504.88 | |
| | | |
| In Custody of Treasurer: | | |
| Welfare Funds: | | |
| Marcena & H. E. P. Daniels | | \$ 4,048.86 |
| Nathan R. George | | 1,533.60 |
| Austin Wood | | 1,786.22 |
| Library Funds: | | |
| Anna Ellis | | 971.40 |
| Austin B. Fletcher | | 5,877.30 |
| Cemetery Fund: | | |
| J. Bates, J. Cox & J. Cox | | 174.26 |
| A. E. Gaskill—Bicknell | | 174.26 |
| R. A. Bates—Bicknell | | 274.39 |
| A. & E. Scott & M. & I. Scott | | 1,060.41 |
| Pine Hill | | |
| Investment Fund: | | |
| Stabilization | | <u>58,604.18</u> |
| | | \$ 74,504.88 |

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Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

January 1, 1969 – December 31, 1969

| | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Balance – January 1, 1969 | \$104,724.31 | |
| Receipts during Year | <u>884,660.42</u> | |
| Sub Total | | \$989,384.73 |
| Disbursements during Year Per Warrants | <u>900,404.25</u> | |
| Balance – December 31, 1969 | | \$88,980.48 |

*Per Detail listed Below:

| | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Bank Balance (Milford National Bank) | \$92,969.32 | |
| Conservation Fund | 123.54 | |
| Cash on Hand | <u>13,777.97</u> | |
| Sub Total | | \$106,870.83 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | <u>17,890.35</u> | |
| Adjusted Bank Balance – December 31, 1969 | | \$88,980.48 |

(See Town Accountant's Report for detail of Receipts and Disbursements.)

TRUST FUND REPORTS – DECEMBER 31, 1969

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Balance – January 1, 1969 | \$1,697.93 | |
| Income during 1969 | <u>88.29</u> | |
| Balance – December 31, 1969 | | \$1,786.22 |

STABILIZATION FUND

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Balance – January 1, 1969 | \$55,561.57 | |
| Income during 1969 | <u>3,042.61</u> | |
| Balance – December 31, 1969 | | \$58,604.18 |

ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Balance – January 1, 1969 | \$968.84 | |
| Income during 1969 | 47.56 | |
| Withdrawn during 1969 | <u>45.00</u> | |
| Balance – December 31, 1969 | | \$971.40 |

AUSTIN FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Balance – January 1, 1969 | \$5,888.28 | |
| Income during 1969 | 289.02 | |
| Withdrawn during 1969 | <u>300.00</u> | |
| Balance – December 31, 1969 | | \$5,877.30 |

NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR., RELIEF FUND

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Balance — January 1, 1969 | \$1,461.84 | |
| Income during 1969 | <u>71.76</u> | |
| Balance — December 31, 1969 | | \$1,533.60 |

RACHEL ANN BATES LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Balance — January 1, 1969 | \$261.68 | |
| Income during 1969 | <u>12.71</u> | |
| Balance — December 31, 1969 | | \$274.39 |

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Balance — January 1, 1969 | \$166.18 | |
| Income during 1969 | <u>8.08</u> | |
| Balance — December 31, 1969 | | \$174.26 |

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES, AND JOHN S. COX LOTS — BICKNELL CEMETERY

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Balance — January 1, 1969 | \$166.18 | |
| Income during 1969 | <u>8.08</u> | |
| Balance — December 31, 1969 | | \$174.26 |

MARCENA and HARRIET E. PIERCE DANIELS FUND

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Balance — January 1, 1969 | \$3,859.35 | |
| Income during 1969 | <u>189.51</u> | |
| Balance — December 31, 1969 | | \$4,048.86 |

ADRIEN and ELLEN J. (Thayer) SCOTT, MALCOLM D. and IDA M. (Barrows) SCOTT

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Balance — January 1, 1969 | \$1,034.63 | |
| Income during 1969 | 50.78 | |
| Withdrawn during 1969 | <u>25.00</u> | |
| Balance — December 31, 1969 | | \$1,060.41 |

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

1967 Motor Vehicle Excise

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|------------|------------|
| Uncollected 1/1/69 | \$ | 4.13 | |
| Interest | | <u>.20</u> | |
| | \$ | 4.33 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | | | \$ 4.13 |
| Interest | | | <u>.20</u> |
| | | | \$ 4.33 |

1967 Real Estate

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|---------------|-------------|
| Uncollected 1/1/69 | \$ | 4,764.88 | |
| Interest | | <u>245.32</u> | |
| | \$ | 5,010.20 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | | | \$ 4,758.68 |
| Interest | | | 245.32 |
| Uncollected | | | <u>6.20</u> |
| | | | \$ 5,010.20 |

1968 Farm Animal & Machinery Excise

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|-------|----------|
| Uncollected 1/1/69 | \$ | 45.00 | |
| Uncollected | | | \$ 45.00 |

1968 Personal Property

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|-------------|---------------|
| Uncollected 1/1/69 | \$ | 454.92 | |
| Interest | | <u>6.80</u> | |
| | \$ | 461.72 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | | | \$ 292.74 |
| Interest | | | 6.80 |
| Uncollected | | | <u>162.18</u> |
| | | | \$ 461.72 |

1968 Omitted Real Estate

| | | |
|--------------------|----|--------|
| Uncollected 1/1/69 | \$ | 107.44 |
| Paid to Treasurer | \$ | 107.44 |

1968 Real Estate

| | | |
|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| Uncollected 1/1/69 | \$ | 27,155.62 |
| Interest | | 692.38 |
| Refunds | | <u>49.86</u> |
| | \$ | 27,897.86 |
| Paid to Treasurer | \$ | 22,301.99 |
| Interest | | 692.38 |
| Uncollected | | <u>4,903.49</u> |
| | \$ | 27,897.86 |

1968 Motor Vehicle Excise

| | | |
|------------------------|----|-----------------|
| Uncollected 1/1/69 | \$ | 4,971.07 |
| Additional Commitments | | 4,008.84 |
| Interest | | <u>130.58</u> |
| | \$ | 9,567.70 |
| Paid to Treasurer | \$ | 7,757.02 |
| Interest | | 130.58 |
| Abatements | | <u>1,680.10</u> |
| | \$ | 9,567.70 |

1969 Special Accounts

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|--------------|
| Cert. of Mun. Liens (23) | \$ | 69.00 |
| Adv. Fee for Tax Titles | | 22.42 |
| Refund on 67 Bond | | <u>53.00</u> |
| | \$ | 144.42 |
| Paid to Treasurer | \$ | 144.42 |

1969 Personal Property

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Committed | \$ 34,561.56 |
| Interest | <u>.21</u> |

\$ 34,561.77

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Paid to Treasurer | \$ 33,967.65 |
| Interest | .21 |
| Abatements | 137.83 |
| Uncollected | <u>456.08</u> |

\$ 34,561.77

1969 Farm Animal & Machinery Excise

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| Committed | \$ 722.90 |
|-----------|-----------|

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Paid to Treasurer | \$ 553.50 |
| Uncollected | <u>169.40</u> |

\$ 722.90

1969 Real Estate

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Committed | \$413,209.08 |
| Omitted Real Estate | 309.16 |
| Interest | 267.90 |
| Refunds | 777.00 |
| Overpayment | <u>51.25</u> |

\$414,614.39

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Paid to Treasurer | \$356,480.13 |
| Interest | 267.90 |
| Abatements | 20,770.76 |
| Tax Title Acc't. | 137.84 |
| Uncollected | <u>36,957.76</u> |

\$414,614.39

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Recapitulation 1969

| | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------|
| Town Appropriations: | | |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$608,216.15 | |
| To be taken from Available Funds | 59,347.39 | |
| Other amounts to be raised | 4,933.55 | |
| State: | | |
| Tax and Assessments | 6,061.31 | |
| County: | | |
| Tax and Assessments | 23,528.52 | |
| Overlay for 1969 | <u>23,002.16</u> | |
| Gross Amount to be raised | | \$725,089.08 |
| Estimated Receipts | 217,971.05 | |
| Available Funds | <u>59,347.39</u> | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds | | \$277,318.44 |
| Net amount to be raised by Taxation on Property | | \$447,770.64 |
| Personal Property Taxes | 34,561.56 | |
| Real Estate Taxes | <u>413,209.08</u> | |
| Total Taxes Levied on Property | | \$447,770.64 |

Aggregates 1969

| | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| Assessments on Real Estate | 1,019 | |
| Assessments on Personal Property | 89 | |
| Value of Assessed Personal Estate: | | |
| Stock in Trade | 36,835.00 | |
| Machinery | 136,555.00 | |
| Other Tangible Property | <u>724,310.00</u> | |
| Total Value Assessed Personal Estate | | \$897,700.00 |
| Value of Assessed Real Estate: | | |
| Land, exclusive of Buildings | 1,946,020.00 | |
| Buildings, exclusive of land | <u>8,786,630.00</u> | |
| Total Assessed Real Estate | | \$10,732,650.00 |
| Total Value of Assessed Personal and Real Estate | | \$11,630,350.00 |

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Tax on Personal Estate | 34,561.56 | |
| Tax on Real Estate | <u>413,209.08</u> | |
| Total Tax Levied | | \$447,770.64 |

Rate of Tax per \$1,000.00 \$38.50

| Number of Livestock Assessed: | General | Farm Animals \$5 Excise |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Horses | 31 | 0 |
| Cows | 6 | 353 |
| Bulls, Yearlings, etc. | 5 | 10 |
| Swine | 1 | 94 |
| Sheep | 20 | 0 |
| Fowl | 155 | 0 |
| All other | 16 | 0 |

Number of Dwellings Assessed 759

Number of Acres of Land Assessed 10,761

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Committed to Collector | | |
| Vehicles Registered in 1968 | \$ 4,008.84 | |
| Vehicles Registered in 1969 | <u>60,468.91</u> | |
| Total Commitments | | \$ 64,477.75 |

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Abated:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1968 Taxes | 1,680.10 | |
| 1969 Taxes | <u>4,883.18</u> | |
| Total Abatements | | \$ 6,563.28 |

Farm Animal, Farm Machinery and Equipment Excise

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Total value of Farm Animals & Equipment | \$144,580.00 |
| Total Commitment(Rate of tax per \$1,000, \$5.00) | 722.90 |

Overlay Account

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 1969 Overlay Reserve | \$ 23,002.16 |
| 1969 Abatements on Property | 20,908.59 |

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS D. HACKENSON, Chairman
 WALTER J. CHANNING
 CHARLES H. WOOD
 Board of Assessors

1969 Motor Vehicle Excise

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Committed | \$ 60,468.91 |
| Interest | 127.78 |
| Refunds | 1,773.94 |
| Overpayment | <u>52.80</u> |

\$ 62,423.43

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Paid to Treasurer | \$ 52,713.10 |
| Interest | 127.78 |
| Abatements | 4,883.18 |
| Uncollected | <u>4,699.37</u> |

\$ 62,423.43

PHILIP W. HARDING
Tax Collector

JURY LIST 1969

| | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| Archibald, William H. Jr. | Blackstone St. | Manager |
| Atkinson, George W. J. | Kinsley Lane | Foreman |
| Austin, John W. | Uxbridge St. | Clerk |
| Barrows, Merton F. | Blackstone St. | Salesman |
| Bouchard, Ernest J. A. | Taft Ave. | Rigger |
| Boyer, Jean H. (Mrs.) | Cape Road | Registered Nurse |
| Bridgham, Noyes W. | Providence St. | Design Engineer |
| Broome, Irvine | Washington St. | Foreman |
| Butler, Walter J. Jr. | Millville Rd. | Electrician |
| Clough, Henry P. | Providence St. | Retired |
| (Asst. Principal Nipmuc Regional High School) | | |
| Comolli, Dorothy M. (Mrs.) | Millville St. | At home |
| Deiana, Rudolph G. | Milford St. | Mason |
| Harding, Beverly E. (Mrs.) | George Street | Make ads |
| Irons, Francis A. | Providence St. | Owner machine shop |
| Jordan, Helen A. (Miss) | Kinsley Lane | File Clerk |
| Kearsley, Donald W. | Hartford Ave.W. | Toolmaker |
| Magee, Gertrude S. (Mrs.) | Millville St. | At home |
| Massaro, Joseph F. | Providence St. | Tool Grinder |
| Ober, Arthur J. | Northbridge St. | Retired |
| (Asst. Sales Mgr. Calif. Division) | | |
| Rhodes, Robert R. | Millville St. | Mach. set up & oper. |
| Stratmon, William M. | Millville St. | Truck driver |
| Thomas, Ernest S. | Milford St. | Produce Manager |
| Walenty, Louise C. | Cape Road | At home |
| Wheeler, Donald A. | Providence St. | Salesman |

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the People of Mendon:

In an effort to provide more complete police coverage for the Town of Mendon, another full time man was added to the force, bringing the total of permanent men to three.

The Board, with the Chief of Police, met with Mr. Kirby Wetherbee and Mr. John Burke of the Department of Public Works to discuss and adopt rules for traffic control in our Town. Under the supervision of Police Chief Kelsie Townsend and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, a traffic survey was made and traffic rules and regulations were adopted by the Board of Selectmen on October 20th and approved by the Department of Public Works on November 10th.

An agreement with the answering service of Woonsocket was discontinued. Its location and cost did not justify its continuance. An answering service was installed in the homes of Chief K. Townsend and Sergeant M. Magliocca. It is the opinion of the Board that the service has been excellent and has provided the Town with maximum coverage at a nominal cost.

The Board met with the Regional School Committee and arrived at an agreement to use the Regional School Auditorium for Annual Town Meetings. The Board also received approval from the School Committee to use a portion of the facilities at the Henry P. Clough School for Town, State and Federal Elections.

The resignation of Jacob Oppewal as Town Counsel was received and Attorney Louis J. Noferi, Jr. was appointed to the post of Town Counsel for Mendon.

The contract for the renovation of the Town Hall for Town Offices was awarded to Gen-Wal Construction Company of Milford. The offices were ready for occupancy on October 8, 1969, and the Selectmen met in the new offices on October 13th. Open House was held on November 3rd. The new office facilities provide the opportunity for various Boards to meet on the same night as the Selectmen, therefore, adding to the convenience and service to the Townspeople.

In an effort to eliminate a traffic hazard at the junction of North Avenue and Route 16, the Board of Selectmen met with representatives of the Taft Family and reached an agreement under which plans can be made to eliminate this hazard.

There were no major controversial issues that came before the Board during this year.

The Board wishes to take this opportunity to thank the various departments for the manner in which they have operated their departments and cooperated with the Board.

The Board joins the Townspeople in expressing their sincere thanks to E. Theodore Giatas for the nine years of dedicated service he gave to the Town as Chairman and member of the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR WIERSMA, Chairman
JAMES H. GRANT
JOHN S. HOGARTH
Board of Selectmen

TOWN CLERK REPORT 1969

The many duties of a Town Clerk include being custodian of all official town records, which have been compiled in his office. These records concern births, marriages, and deaths as well as all votes taken at Town Meetings and are complete from the year 1667 when the Town was incorporated.

Many legal requirements at the time of a Town Meeting are discharged by the Town Clerk, Chattel mortgages must also be recorded and discharged with the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk's many duties concerning elections include the processing of nomination papers, printing of ballots for Town elections, supervision of elections and workers, and the compilation of the total vote. As Clerk of the Board of Registrars, the Town Clerk maintains records of the Registrars of voters and is responsible for printing of voting lists.

Since 1926, the Town Clerk's office has been located in the home of the Town Clerk at no cost whatsoever to the Town of Mendon. Thus for forty-three years, there has been for the Town of Mendon free rent, heat, lights, furnishings, and maintenance. It is hoped that the majority of the residents of Mendon appreciate this service to the Town.

A move of the Town Clerk's office to the Town Hall at this time is not feasible. At the rate of compensation now received by the Town Clerk, an office located at the Town Hall would be open only five hours a week with no service provided at any other time during the week. The Town Clerk feels that the public may obtain more adequate and personal service by maintaining the office at home as in previous years.

Vital Statistics for 1969

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Births | 39 |
| Marriages | 42 |
| Deaths | 19 |

Receipts for 1969

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Dog Licenses | \$1,119.00 |
| Fish and Game Licenses | \$1,068.25 |
| 3 Raffle permits at \$10 each | \$ 30.00 |

Money turned over to Town Treasurer

EMILY L. COLEMAN
Town Clerk

1969
TOWN WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday the 24th day of March A.D. 1969 punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 2 and all following Articles on this warrant will be acted upon Friday, the twenty-eighth day of March 1969 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. at the Main Auditorium of the Nipmuc Regional High School.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

One Moderator for one year
One Selectman for three years
One Assessor for three years
One Town Clerk for one year
One Tree Warden for one year
One Highway Surveyor for one year
One Member of the Regional School District
Committee for three years
One Trustee for Taft Public Library for two years
One Park Commissioner for one year
One Park Commissioner for three years
One Water Commissioner for three years
One Member of the Planning Board for five years
One Member of the Housing Authority for one year
One Member of the Housing Authority for five years
One Member of the Board of Health for three years
One Constable for three years

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 3. To fix the Salaries and compensations of the Elected Officers of the Town.

Article 4. To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from Available Funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and to provide a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$180.65 to pay unpaid bills of prior years.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for remodeling and equipping the first floor of the Town Hall to provide town office facilities and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation of available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a piece of fire apparatus and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,077.13 to the Henry P. Clough School Lunch Program.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$235.00 from the Greater Milford Mental Health Association Account to the Excess and Deficiency account; this being the sum appropriated under Article 7 of the April 1, 1966 Town Meeting.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 4 Section 1 of the Town By-laws to increase the number of members of the Finance Committee from five to seven members.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4 000.00 for the purpose of reconstruction work on Park Street.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,734.76 from the proceeds of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967 for the reconstruction of Bates Street.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of providing for participation of eligible retarded children in a Regional Summer Recreation Program.

Polls will close at 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in three or more public places in the Town of Mendon at least seven days before said meeting; one copy thereof shall be posted on the Town Hall Building.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon this 24th day of February A.D. 1969.

E. THEODORE GIATAS
ARTHUR WIERSMA
JAMES H. GRANT
Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:
HAROLD C. BARROWS, Jr.
Constable of Mendon

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss.

Mendon, March 7, 1969

I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies as herein directed and have otherwise complied with all the requirements of law.

HAROLD C. BARROWS, Jr.
Constable of Mendon

March 24, 1969

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, one thousand qualified voters cast their ballot at the Town Hall the twenty-fourth day of March 1969. The meeting to act on Article 1 was called to order by the Moderator, Gideon Halsing. It was voted to waive the reading of the remainder of the Warrant at this time. The ballot box was opened for inspection. The Polls were declared open at 9:05 A.M. Police officers during the Election were Michael J. Magliocca from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and Harry Wiersma from 3:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. Anna Mae Wood served as Warden for the election and following is a list of Tellers, clerks and counters:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| E. Jane Coleman | Stella Savicki |
| Helen Taylor | Beatrice Wood |
| Eileen Johnson | Charles H. Wood |
| Gertrude Lavergne | Thomas Hackenson |
| David Lowell | Ralph Morin |
| Terry Tycks | Anita Pazzella |
| Shirley Barnes | Blanche Lamothe |
| Leo J. Lovely | Judith Ober |
| Dorothy Lowell | Elgar Bartlett |

List of ballots cast each hour:

| | | | | |
|-----------|----|------------|----|-----|
| 9:00 A.M. | to | 10:00 A.M. | 85 | 85 |
| 10:00 | to | 11:00 | 76 | 161 |
| 11:00 | to | 12:00 Noon | 47 | 208 |
| 12:00 | to | 1:00 P.M. | 56 | 269 |
| 1:00 | to | 2:00 | 59 | 323 |

| | | | | |
|------|----|------|-----|------|
| 2:00 | to | 3:00 | 81 | 404 |
| 3:00 | to | 4:00 | 107 | 511 |
| 4:00 | to | 5:00 | 114 | 625 |
| 5:00 | to | 6:00 | 135 | 760 |
| 6:00 | to | 7:00 | 126 | 886 |
| 7:00 | to | 8:00 | 114 | 1000 |

1350 Ballots received 1000 votes cast unused ballots 350
 50 Absent Ballots received 2 A.V. cast unused Absent 48

The result of the Election was announced at 11:15 P.M. by the
 Warden, Anna Mae Wood.

Town Clerk for one year

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Emily L. Coleman | 590 |
| Blanks | 410 |
| Barbara Phillips | 123 |
| Louisa Wheeler | 284 |
| Total Blanks | 3 |

Town Moderator

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Gideon Halsing | 808 |
| Blanks | 192 |

Selectman for three years

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| John S. Hogarth | 578 |
| Ernest S. Thomas | 413 |
| Blanks | 9 |

Assessor for three years

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Walter Channing | 689 |
| Sigfrid Carlson | 242 |
| Blanks | 69 |

Constable for three years

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Patrick Dunlavey | 325 |
| Kelsie Townsend | 662 |
| Blanks | 13 |

Tree Warden for one year

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| William E. Nuttall | 777 |
| Blanks | 223 |

| | |
|--|-----|
| Highway Surveyor for one year | |
| Harold Metcalf | 797 |
| Blanks | 203 |
| Board of Health for one year | |
| Ruthann Roy | 790 |
| Blanks | 210 |
| Housing Authority for one year | |
| Edward Hummel | 740 |
| Blanks | 260 |
| Housing Authority for five years | |
| Shelley D. Vincent, 3rd | 522 |
| Ernest P. Wood | 425 |
| Blanks | 53 |
| Trustee Taft Public Library for two years | |
| Mae L. Snay | 718 |
| Blanks | 282 |
| Park Commissioner for one year | |
| Francis Irons | 37 |
| Scatterings | 14 |
| Blanks | 949 |
| Park Commissioner for three years | |
| Patrick Dunlavey | 8 |
| Scatterings | 14 |
| Blanks | 978 |
| Water Commissioner for three years | |
| James S. Ferrucci | 660 |
| John E. Quirk | 286 |
| Blanks | 54 |
| Mendon District School Committee for two years | |
| Richard L. Childs | 746 |
| Blanks | 254 |
| Planning Board for five years | |
| Norman I. Rogers | 801 |
| Blanks | 199 |

Voted to adjourn the meeting to 7:30 P.M. March 28, 1969 at the Main Auditorium of the Nipmuc Regional High School.

March 28, 1969

Adjourned meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Main Auditorium of the Nipmuc Regional High School, by Moderator Gideon Halsing. The attendance for this meeting was one hundred ninety-five registered voters, with three hundred and eleven seats available. The check list was used by David Gaskell and John E. Quirk. Permission was granted by the voters present to allow the following to sit in at the meeting: Town Counsel Jacob Oppewal, Acting Superintendent of Schools Wilho Frigard, Telegram News reporter Napier Scribner, Edward J. Murray and Clarence Laflash of the Finance Committee of the Town of Northbridge, William Hazard was officer for the evening.

Before the meeting was started, the Moderator requested all those present to rise and give a moment of silent tribute to Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower who passed away this day at 12:25 P.M. Eastern Standard time in the Walter Reed Hospital.

All motions under this Warrant are presented as written motions.

Article 2. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. Unanimous voice vote.

Article 3. Voted that the Annual Salaries of the Elected Officers of the Town be fixed as follows:

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| Moderator | \$ 25.00 |
| Chairman of Selectmen | 450.00 |
| Board Members | 350.00 |
| Treasurer | 1500.00 |
| Tax Collector | 1350.00 plus fees |
| Assessors | 375.00 each |

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| Town Clerk | 500.00 plus fees |
| Constables | 20.00 each |
| Board of Health | 75.00 each |

Tree Warden be compensated at the rate of \$2.50 per hour.
 Park Commissioners be compensated at the rate of \$2.10 per hour;
 and that all salaries and wages be effective as of April 1.

Article 4. All items under this article as read by the Chairman of the Finance Committee were voted for favorably with the exception of Items 24, 29, 30, 31, 40, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 65, 66, 69, 81, and 86, and that the same be expended for such purposes under the direction of the respective officers, board and committees of the Town. After discussion on the various items by members present, the following vote was taken:

Item 24. Voted that the sum of \$1,250.00 be appropriated for the Record Room Furniture and equipment.

Item 29. Voted that the sum of \$27,000.00 be appropriated for the Police Department salaries and wages.

Item 30. Voted that the sum of \$8,225.00 be appropriated for Police Department expense.

Item 31. Voted that the sum of \$2,625.00 be appropriated for the purchase of a new police cruiser, with the present police cruiser to be taken in trade; this purchase to be made under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen and the Chief of Police.

Item 40. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the Auxiliary Police Expense.

Items 56 and 57. Voted that the sum of three thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$3,700.00) be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways and that the sum of ten thousand, one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$10,175.00) be appropriated from Available Funds to meet the State's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Items 58 and 59. Voted that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways Maintenance and that the sum of four

thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be appropriated from Available Funds to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Items 60 and 61. Voted that the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways Construction and that the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) be appropriated from Available Funds to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Item 65. Voted that the sum of five thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$5,700.00) be appropriated from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account.

Item 66. Voted that the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) be appropriated for the purchase of an automatic sander and that the present 1957 Model Baughman Sander be taken in trade; and for the purchase of a new truck chassis; this sander and truck to be purchased under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen and the Highway Surveyor.

Item 69. Voted that Eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) be appropriated for Aid to Veterans.

Item 81. Voted that the sum of \$1,800.00 be appropriated for Group Insurance on Town Employees.

Item 86. Voted that the sum of \$3,100.00 be appropriated for Insurance on Town Buildings.

The complete list of appropriations of this meeting will be found on Pages 66 and 67.

Article 5. Voted that the sum of one hundred eighty dollars and sixty-five cents (\$180.65) be appropriated to pay unpaid bills of 1966 and 1967.

Article 6. Voted that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) be appropriated for remodeling and partially equip-

ping the first floor of the Town Hall to provide Town Office facilities. The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be provided by taxation and the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be appropriated from Available Funds. Plan projected on screen with remarks by James Grant and David Hamilton.

Article 7. Voted that the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500.00) be appropriated for the purchase of a new combination fire truck-tanker; and to meet said appropriation the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) be provided by taxation, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be appropriated from the Stabilization Fund, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, will be authorized and directed to issue and sell serial bonds or notes of the Town aggregating fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) in principal amount under the authority of Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, but all of said bonds or notes shall be paid in not more than five years from the date thereof.

Article 8. Voted that the sum of two thousand seventy-seven dollars and thirteen cents (\$2,077.13) be appropriated to the Henry P. Clough School Lunch Program.

Article 9. Voted that the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$235.00) be transferred from the Greater Milford Mental Health Association Account to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 10. Voted that Chapter 4, Section 1 of the Town of Mendon By-Laws be amended to read "There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of seven members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen." Unanimous voice vote.

Article 11. Voted that the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) be appropriated for reconstruction work on Park Street.

Article 12. Voted that the sum of two thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-six cents (\$2,734.76) be appropriated from the proceeds of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967 for reconstruction on Bates Street.

Article 13. Voted that the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) be appropriated for the purpose of providing for par-

ticipation of eligible retarded children in a Regional Summer Recreational Program.

A standing ovation was given Mr. Joseph Taylor for his many years of service on the Finance Board.

Meeting dissolved at 10:07 P.M.

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

under Article 4

1969

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| Moderator, Salary | \$ 25.00 |
| Expense | 20.00 |
| Finance Committee, Expense | 100.00 |
| Selectmen, Salaries | 1,113.00 |
| Expense | 450.00 |
| Town Accountant, Salary | 775.00 |
| Expense | 100.00 |
| Treasurer, Salary | 1,500.00 |
| Expense | 850.00 |
| Tax Collector, Salary | 1,313.00 |
| Expense | 900.00 |
| Assessors, Salaries and Wages | 1,200.00 |
| Expense | 950.00 |
| Town Counsel, Salary | 50.00 |
| Expense | 650.00 |
| Town Clerk, Salary | 488.00 |
| Expense | 675.00 |
| Elections and Registrations | |
| Salaries and Wages | 850.00 |
| Expense | 490.00 |
| Planning Board, Expense | 325.00 |
| Industrial Development Commission Expense | 300.00 |
| Record Room, Salaries and Wages | 3,900.00 |
| Expense | 650.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 1,250.00 |
| Tax Title Foreclosure | 100.00 |
| Heat and Lights, Town Buildings | 2,500.00 |
| Town Hall—Maintenance, Salary | 638.00 |
| Expense | 600.00 |
| Police Department, Salaries and Wages | 27,000.00 |
| Expense | 8,225.00 |
| Cruiser Trade-in | 2,625.00 |
| Fire Department, Salaries and Wages | 2,600.00 |
| Expense | 2,250.00 |
| Equipment | 1,150.00 |
| Dog Officer, Salary | 60.00 |
| Expense | 1,000.00 |

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| Civil Defense, Salary | \$ 100.00 |
| Expense | 250.00 |
| Constable, Salaries | 60.00 |
| Auxiliary Police Expense | 500.00 |
| Board of Appeals, Expense | 25.00 |
| Wire Inspector, Salary | 200.00 |
| Expense | 35.00 |
| Gas Inspector, Salary | 25.00 |
| Tree Warden, Wages | 1,250.00 |
| Expense | 1,550.00 |
| Insect Pest Control | 800.00 |
| Dutch Elm Disease Control | 1,300.00 |
| Additional Spraying—Mosquito | 900.00 |
| Conservation Commission, Expense | 100.00 |
| Board of Health, Salaries and Wages | 707.00 |
| Expense | 4,548.00 |
| Town Dump | 2,400.00 |
| Highways—General Repairs | |
| Wages | 4,800.00 |
| Expense | 2,000.00 |
| Chapter 81—Town's share | 3,700.00 |
| State's share | 10,175.00 |
| Chapter 90—Maintenance—Town's share | 2,000.00 |
| State and County's share | 4,000.00 |
| Chapter 90—Construction | |
| Town's share | 4,000.00 |
| State and County's share | 12,000.00 |
| Snow Removal—Wages | 7,000.00 |
| Expense | 13,000.00 |
| Street Lights | 1,700.00 |

TOWN WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Friday the Ninth day of May A.D. 1969 punctually at 7:30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to approve or disapprove the amount of debt of fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000.00) authorized on April 15, 1969 by the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee for the purpose of acquiring property situated between the easterly side of Pleasant Street and the westerly side of Mendon Street in Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, consisting of approximately forty-six acres as a site for the construction of a school building.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) from Available Funds in the treasury for the purpose of installing drainage pipe on Blackstone Street to alleviate drainage problem.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in three or more public places in the Town of Mendon at least seven days before said meeting; one copy thereof shall be posted on the Town Hall building.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon this 28th day of April, A.D. 1969.

ARTHUR WIERSMA
JOHN S. HOGARTH
Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:
KELSIE E. TOWNSEND
Constable of Mendon

Duly posted May 1, 1969.

KELSIE E. TOWNSEND
Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, 68 registered voters met at the Town Hall to act on various articles in the Warrant. The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. by Moderator Gideon Halsing. Tellers for the meeting were Leo Tetreault and David Gaskell. Attending Officer was Harry Wiersma.

Permission to attend this meeting was granted to Napier Scribner, reporter for the Worcester Telegram; Mr. Rice and Mr. Howard of Upton, members of the school committee; Mr. Wilho Frigard, Acting Superintendent of Schools; and Mr. Laurence Doyle, attorney for the School Committee.

Article 1. Under this article the chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the motion, which was seconded. Remarks and questions were raised by the following voters: Vernon A. Barrows, Harold Metcalf, Donald Kearsley, Arthur Wiersma, Ian Denton, Richard Childs, chairman of the School Committee, Jeannette Moriarty, Mrs. E. Noonan, James Waite, Attorney Doyle, Gerard Sweeney, Daniel Leone, Gordon Good, Wilbur Blair, Myla Thayer, Arthur Johnson, Roland Kinsley, Grace Hutchinson, Louis Benotti and Michael Magliocca. After a discussion that lasted from 7:30 to 8:45 P.M. the motion was put to vote and passed by a standing vote of Yes 53 and No 4; a two third vote being necessary.

Article 1. Voted that the Town approve the amount of debt, fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000.00), authorized on April 15, 1969 by the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee for the purpose of acquiring property situated between the easterly side of Pleasant Street and the westerly side of Mendon Street in Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, consisting of approximately forty six (46) acres as a site for the construction of a school building.

Article 2. Voted that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) be appropriated from Available Funds in the Treasury for the purpose of installing drainage pipe on Blackstone Street. Unanimous vote.

Voted that the warrant be dissolved at 8:40 P.M.

Mr. Childs thanked the voters for their confidence in voting for Article 1.

EMILY L. COLEMAN
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During 1969 the Fire and Forest Fire Departments answered a total of 79 calls as follows:

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| Automobile | 5 |
| Out-of-Town | 2 |
| Cellars Pumped | 8 |
| Accident Calls | 5 |
| Resuscitator Calls | 2 |
| Rubbish | 1 |
| Building | 3 |
| Flooded Oil Burners | 1 |
| Chimney Fires | 1 |
| Forest, Brush, & Grass | 37 |
| Miscellaneous | 14 |

The annual Fourth of July Celebration was held again this year.

The Fire Department with cooperation of Mr. Carlton Goss made the area adjacent to the Clayton Parkinson Greenhouses available for skating.

A total of 942 permits to burn were issued. Permits are required by law for all open air fires.

To obtain permits for fires call 473-5330, if no answer call 473-3434.

Respectfully submitted,
LINWOOD E. LOWELL
Fire Chief & Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Mendon:

The following is a record of the Police Department and its activities for the year ending December 31, 1969:

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| Complaints | 841 |
| Arrests | 18 |
| Summons served by Mendon Police | 65 |
| Motor Vehicle accidents | 106 |
| Motor Vehicle fatalities | 1 |
| Personal injury from M.V. | 46 |
| Cruiser used as ambulance | 50 |
| Deaths investigated by Medical Examiner | 4 |
| Motor Vehicle citations issued | 139 |
| Warnings | 98 |
| Complaints | 32 |
| M.V. Arrests | 9 |
| Aid to disabled motorists | 75 |
| Aid to out-of-town P.D. | 77 |
| Bank escort | 33 |
| Stolen cars recovered | 3 |
| Licenses suspended | 20 |
| Hit and run (property damage) | 12 |
| Defective equipment tickets issued | 75 |
| Parking tags issued | 60 |
| B & E's investigated | 21 |
| Malicious destruction | 42 |
| Stolen property reported | 49 |
| Stolen property recovered | 7 |
| Arson | 3 |
| Commitment to Grafton State Hospital | 2 |
| Bomb hoax | 3 |
| Plane crash | 1 |
| Family problems | 28 |
| Truants | 8 |
| Doors and windows found open (routine check) | 88 |
| Missing persons | 4 |
| Rape | 1 |
| Bicycles registered | 90 |
| Firearm I.D. cards issued | 67 |
| Pistol permits issued | 69 |
| Appearances by Mendon police officers in: | |
| District Court | 63 |
| Superior Court | 12 |
| Juvenile Court | 4 |

The following are some of the highlights concerning the Mendon Police Department during 1969:

1. First arrest for possession of narcotics.
2. The Town of Mendon voted twenty-four hour coverage, and Officer George Larson was appointed a full-time patrolman.
3. Three indictments by the Grand Jury in one week, for crimes committed in Mendon.
4. Acceptance by the Town of Mendon of Department of Public Works Rules and Regulations. This entailed many hours of the drawing of intersections and making traffic counts. Seven legal stop signs were installed on in-town roads. Six more will be installed by the Commonwealth on streets intersecting with Route 16.
5. A "blue" telephone system was installed. Two of these telephones are in the police station, one is in the chief's home, and one in the sergeant's home. This system, combined with two remote radios, greatly increases the efficiency of our communications.
6. Sgt. Michael J. Magliocca graduated from Medford Police Academy. Officer George Larson successfully completed a course in finger-printing, held by the Holliston police department.
7. A narcotics program, sponsored by the Mendon Police Department and the National Safety Council, was held at the Nipmuc Regional High School. Captain Anthony Francis, Worcester Police Department, lectured on the narcotics problem. 191 attended. Students and townspeople helped to make this program a success.
8. A bicycle safety program, sponsored by the Mendon Police department, was held at the Henry P. Clough Elementary School. A bicycle rodeo determined skill, and 76 bicycles were inspected and registered.
9. The first motor vehicle fatality in Mendon in over three years.

10. The purchase of a second-hand camera, and the set-up of a dark room, will allow the department to take, develop, and print its own photos.
11. Law Day was held on May 1st, 1969, at the Nipmuc Regional High School. Mendon police and members of the District Attorney's office participated.
12. Police Memorial Sunday was held in June. Flowers were placed on the graves of departed police officers, and a service was held at Swandale Cemetery. Rev. Cooper of the Unitarian Church performed the service.
13. Training is held on a weekly and monthly basis. The rental of the Hopedale Pistol Range enables the department to target practice one evening a month.
14. An application for radar was submitted to the Federal Highway Safety Commission. Upon approval, the town is reimbursed 100% of the cost of the radar.

The Mendon Police Department would like to thank the various town departments, and the citizens of Mendon, for their cooperation during the year 1969.

Respectfully submitted,
KELSIE E. TOWNSEND
Chief of Police

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The following animals were inspected this year:

| | Grade | Purebred |
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| No. of dairy cows and heifers two years old and over | 217 | 45 |
| No. of dairy heifers one to two years of age | 39 | 18 |
| No. of dairy heifer calves under one year | 19 | 22 |
| No. of dairy bulls | 2 | |
| No. of beef cattle | | 111 |
| No. of dairy herds | | 8 |
| No. of horse | | 11 |
| No. of ponies | | 13 |
| No. of goats | | 20 |
| No. of sheep | | 70 |
| No. of swine | | 700 |
| No. of swine herds | | 2 |
| No. of dogs quarantined | | 3 |
| No. of Interstate cattle permits | | 12 |

Respectfully submitted,
VERNON A. BARROWS
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year 1969 there were 32 Plumbing Permits issued. A total of \$261.00 was collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT J. ROSSETTI
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Number of Inspections | 47 |
| Collected and paid to Town Treasurer | \$339.00 |

WALTER J. CHANNING
Inspector of Wiring

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Mendon:

During the year the Planning Board approved and signed a total of 56 plot plans and tracings to validate permits for new buildings, additions and accessory buildings and land transfer tracings to be recorded at the registry of deeds. This is an increase of twenty-five per cent over these items processed in 1968 and an increase of forty-five per cent over these items processed in 1967.

The revision of our present zoning by-laws was presented at two hearings and accepted by the voters of the Town by a two thirds majority. This revision was subsequently rejected by the Attorney General's Office because of a technicality in advertising the hearings. The various clauses in the revision have been reviewed by the Planning Board together with our Town Counsel and will again be presented to the voters at a special town meeting in the near future for ratification in accordance with the procedure required in Chapter 40A section 6 of the General Laws as amended in 1967.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID F. HAMILTON
NORMAN I. ROGERS
GORDON R. GOOD
DONALD A. WHEELER
ELDON H. BARROWS

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year 1969.

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| Dogs Boarded | 67 |
| Complaints received and investigated | 23 |
| Dogs turned over to Harvard Research | 22 |
| Dogs destroyed | 45 |
| Dogs killed by autos | 16 |
| Dogs reported missing | 14 |
| Dog bites reported | 2 |
| Dogs returned to owners | 7 |
| Notices sent out for failing to pay dog tax | 172 |

Dog Licenses are due and payable on or before March 31, 1970. Failure to do so, after notified, the delinquent owner of a dog can be summoned into court and fined the sum of \$15.00, according to law.

All dogs, according to law, must be collared and tagged.

Any dog found without same can be picked up by the Dog Officer as a stray dog and be taken to the pound.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES S. FERRUCCI
Dog Officer

REPORT OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Taft Public Library:

The circulation of books and magazines for the year 1969 (135 days) was 3,950. Circulation by classes was as follows: fiction, 1564; magazines, 659; juveniles, 1014; biography, 147; history and travel, 185; literature and fine arts, 116; science and useful arts, 172; all others, 98. Thirty seven new borrowers registered, almost ½ of them juvenile.

During 1969, 3 new books were purchased by the Anna Ellis Fund, 59 by the Town and 122 by the Fletcher Fund and 18 as gifts. Our thanks and appreciation go to the following donors: Mr. Walter Wheelock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard, Michael Cousineau, Michael Merolli, Worcester County National Bank, Mrs. Harris Loring III, Nipmuc Regional Library, Herbert Wood III, Draper Division North American Rockwell, Morgan Family, Timothy Cox, Mrs. D. Brown, Mr. John Lundvall, Arlon DeLorge, Charlotte Lowell, Gertrude and Debbie Leclair. The Bookmobile from Central Massachusetts Regional Library in Worcester comes every six weeks with a deposit of books for us to circulate; including large print editions. We also obtain through the region, films and books to fill special requests.

Fines received from overdue books were \$11.75. There are still many overdue books outstanding and the cost of replacing them continually rises.

We had the library rewired this year, adding wall plugs on the main floor. We plan to add more shelves to accommodate our genealogical material for the convenience of the numerous people that come to our library to do research.

In order for the town to receive its share of the State Aid for Libraries I must take four library courses. I have completed one and plan to enroll for a second this spring semester.

Our thanks and appreciation to our assistants, Miss E. Jane Coleman and Mrs. Priscilla Denton and our custodian, Mr. Antonio Chiccarelli, for their cooperation and assistance.

We are always pleased to welcome you to the Taft Public Library and to assist you in every way possible. With due thanks to the Trustees and Town Officers for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
LORNA F. RHODES
Librarian

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health has completed its first three year cycle. We feel we have made progress in expanding the scope of our duties.

Our school children have received the new vaccines of mumps, measles and german measles. Our percentage of children in grades one through four that received the new German Measles Vaccine was 75%. We thank the townspeople for their cooperation in our vaccine programs.

The problem of adequate sewage disposal has been an unresolved problem. The Board has done some research into this problem through the State Division of Public Health and the Division of Water Pollution Control. We have also spoken to a private engineering firm.

There are several promising solutions that we wish to investigate, therefore the Board is requesting a small appropriation this year to continue our study. We hope to be able to present a workable program for sewerage treatment and disposal in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD J. LAMOTHE
RUTHANN M. ROY
MELBA J. ARMOUR

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The trustees of the Taft Public Library submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1969.

On Wednesday evening, June 18th, 1969, a portrait of the late Mrs. Vestella Daniels, Librarian from 1945-1967, was presented to the Taft Public Library by Mrs. Doris Daniels Cox. Mrs. Cox, daughter of the late Mrs. Daniels, and a well-known Mendon artist, presented the portrait as a memorial to our late Librarian who served so well for so many years. Trustees present that evening were Nancy L. Bradley, Chairman; Mae L. Snay, and E. Jane Coleman. The pastel portrait is hung in the Reading Room.

Mrs. Lorna F. Rhodes, Librarian, completed a course at Worcester State College—Reference Sources and Methods, Part I, giving credits toward her Librarian's Certificate. Mrs. Rhodes was awarded a scholarship grant from the Massachusetts Library Aid Association, Inc.

RCA presented to the Library a good collection of long-playing records and these are loaned to patrons at a minimum fee.

The problem of patrons not returning long-overdue books still plagues us and presents the possibility of taking drastic action in the near future. The ever-increasing cost of books creates a severe impact on the budget of a small library such as ours.

During the year, Alfred C. Comolli wired for 3-way switches from the upstairs front hall to cellar back door, installed new switches and plate in hall of front entrance, wired for 2 wall outlets in the main library and installed a complete new circuit breaker service with outside meter.

Future plans for the renovation of the library would include more bookshelves, repair of front steps, repair of foundation walls, repainting of interior, refinishing of floors, and renovation of the basement room. Properly and attractively renovated, the basement room would accommodate meetings of small groups of people, up to 50 in number.

Again we express our appreciation to Antonio J. Chiccarelli for his excellent service as custodian of our library. The Trustees also wish to express their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Rhodes, Librarian, and her assistants for providing continued service of the Library to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
NANCY L. BRADLEY, Chairman
ARTHUR WIERSMA
MAE L. SNAY
GORDON B. ALLAN
E. JANE COLEMAN, Secretary

REPORT OF THE MENDON HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Selectmen of Mendon:

This report marks our second year of full management.

A Master Fire Alarm Box, which connects the Project to the Mendon Fire Department, has been installed. Paneling under windows, which became separated and warped, will be replaced on six sides of designated buildings. More will be replaced if necessary. Two Lumen Mercury Lamps have been installed in parking area to give tenants more light. A surface water problem in parking area, we hope to alleviate this coming year.

Interest rates on the 6th Series Notes was 4.67 percent. Due to increased interest rates, we expect a much higher rate next year.

In April, the following officers were elected:

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| Chairman | Joseph F. Bradley |
| Vice Chairman | David B. Lowell |
| Treasurer | Beatrice C. Wood |
| Ass't. Treasurer | Edward A. Hummel |
| Secretary | Emma M. Barrows |
| Member | Shelley D. Vincent, III |

A full tenancy was had this year. Any person or persons, 65 years or older interested in occupancy, should file their application early.

The minimum rental is Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per month and the maximum rental is Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$67.00). The admission income limit for a single tenant is \$2,500.00 per year; and for a couple, the admission income limit is \$3,000.00 per year.

The Authority wishes to thank the town officials who have helped the Project this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA M. BARROWS
Executive Director

BALANCE SHEET
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1969

ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Administration Fund | \$ 2,134.58 |
| Investment Cash | 10,236.28 |
| Development Cost | 390,000.00 |
| Notes Retired | <u>15,000.00</u> |
| | \$417,370.86 |

LIABILITIES

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Prepaid Insurance | \$ 61.04 |
| Fed. Withholding Tax | 112.80 |
| State Withholding Tax | 26.38 |
| Notes Authorized | 390,000.00 |
| Matured Interest and Prin. | 482.57 |
| Develop. Cost Liquid. | 15,000.00 |
| Debt Service Reserve | 3,220.00 |
| Operating Reserve Develop. | <u>5,873.26</u> |
| | \$414,776.05 |
| E/S | <u>2,594.81</u> |
| | \$417,370.86 |

1969 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Shelter | \$ 21,834.50 |
| Misc. Income | 236.28 |
| | <u>\$ 22,070.78</u> |

EXPENSE

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Administrative Salary | \$ 1,008.00 |
| Accounting Salary | 288.00 |
| Other Administrative Expense | 633.10 |
| Maintenance Salaries | 1,575.25 |
| Electricity | 5,923.11 |
| Materials and Supplies | 367.47 |
| Contractural Services | 906.00 |
| Insurance Expense | 727.04 |
| Interest on Notes | 7,480.60 |
| Operating Improvements | 1,538.90 |
| | <u>\$ 20,447.47</u> |

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Year Ending December 31, 1969

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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| Mr. Richard Childs, Chairman | Term expires 1972 |
| Mr. Richard Howarth, Vice-Chairman | Term expires 1972 |
| Mrs. Nancy Bradley | Term expires 1971 |
| Mrs. Marjorie McLaughlin | Term expires 1971 |
| Mr. Jerald Rice | Term expires 1970 |
| Mr. Richard Ferrucci | Term expires 1970 |
| Mr. John Robertson, Jr., Treasurer | Term expires 1970 |

SUPERINTENDENT

Gordon B. Allan

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Mrs. Catherine Pyne, Secretary Mrs. Joan Shanahan, Clerk

PRINCIPAL

Wilho Frigard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Anthony H. Gulla, Jr.

ELEMENTARY SUPERVISOR

Edward M. Soter

HEALTH SERVICE

Christian W. Aussenheimer, M.D. Ronald Lukert, M.D.
Bernard F. McKernan, M.D.
Mrs. Janet Stockwell, R.N. Mrs. Joyce Hoberg, R.N.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY – 1969

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gordon B. Allan Telephone: 473-8200
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Secretary: Mrs. Catherine Pyne

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Wilho Frigard, Principal Telephone: 473-0994
Anthony H. Gulla, Jr., Assistant Principal 473-0995
Mrs. Pauline Johnson, Secretary

SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Edward M. Soter, Supervisor Telephone: 473-1768
Office: Memorial School Telephone: 529-6931
Henry P. Clough School
Mrs. Eleanor Lussier, Secretary

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Mrs. Maryellen Gray, Director Allan J. Byrne, Counselor
Mrs. Mary Morin, Secretary

FACULTY – NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mr. Jeffrey Allard | Biology |
| Mr. Richard Auger | Music |
| Mr. Bradley Austin | Science |
| Mr. Colin S. Bell | Science |
| Mrs. Ruth Bigelow | Business Education |
| Mr. Stephen J. Bodnar | Science-Department Head |
| Mr. Arthur Courtemanche | Social Studies |
| Mrs. Anne Davenport | Home Economics |
| Mr. Ian O. Denton | Industrial Arts (Metals) |
| Mr. James Edwards | Foreign Languages |
| Miss Lucille Gilbert | Business Education-Department Head |
| Miss Linda Gosselin | English |
| Mr. John Grady | English |
| Mr. Stephen Gressak | Science |
| Mrs. Cecelia Grynsel | Special Education |
| Mr. Richard Guzzi | Physical Education-Department Head |
| Miss Dorothy Hentz | English |
| Mrs. Eleanor Hutchinson | Foreign Language-Department Head |
| Miss Beverly Keeler | English |

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| Mr. William Kimball | Math-Department Head |
| Miss Arlene Laflash | Foreign Language |
| Mrs. Eileen Lucier | English-Department Head |
| Mr. Michael Makynen | Math |
| Mr. John McGrail | Social Studies |
| Mrs. Martha Miles | Math |
| Miss Patricia Morrissey | English |
| Mr. Harold Murphy | Math |
| Mr. Carl Olson | Social Studies-Department Head |
| Mrs. Judith Robbins | English |
| Mr. Richard Robinson | Industrial Arts (Wood) |
| Mrs. Grenith Rose | Social Studies |
| Miss Virginia Rowe | English |
| Mr. Hugh Saunders | Business Education |
| Mr. Robert Smith, Jr. | Social Studies |
| Miss Linda Sweeney | English |
| Mrs. Ruth Voss | Librarian |
| Mr. Paul Waaramaa | Social Studies-Driver Education |
| Miss Jean Warden | Physical Education |
| Mrs. Marjorie Weed | Art |
| Mrs. Harriet Campbell | Math |

Faculty Resignations:

Mr. William Fitzgerald
Mrs. Margaret Nadauld
Mr. Eugene Paquin
Mr. Walter Robb, Jr.
Miss Carol Sisson
Miss Mary Woods

Faculty Appointments:

Mrs. Ruth Bigelow
Mrs. Judith Robbins
Mr. Richard Auger
Mrs. Harriet Campbell
Miss Jean Warden
Mr. Jeffrey Allard
Miss Linda Gosselin
Miss Arlene LaFlash
Miss Patricia Morrissey

FACULTY – UPTON MEMORIAL GEORGE S. BALL SCHOOL

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs. Evelyn Carbrello | Mrs. Doris Loukes |
| Mrs. Dorothy Carter | Miss Priscilla Messinger |
| Mrs. Kathryn Craib | Mr. Frederick Milligan |
| Mrs. Helen Donham | Mr. Robert Nigro |
| Mrs. Thyra Eastman | Miss Elaine Porter |
| Mr. Richard Grady | Mrs. Sandra Ray |
| Mrs. Kathryn Israelsen | Mrs. Myrna Seyfarth |
| Mrs. Constance Knauber | Mrs. Agnes Whipple |

Mrs. Mary Kottis
Miss Rachel Langlais

Mrs. Joanna Workman
Miss Carolyn Wright

Faculty Resignations:
Mrs. Margaret Archibald
Mrs. Joan Aronson
Mrs. Katherine Colton
Mrs. Carla Pashko
Mrs. Diane Evans

Faculty Appointments:
Mrs. Kathryn Israelsen
Mrs. Sandra Ray
Mrs. Myrna Seyfarth
Miss Rachel Langlais
Mr. Richard Grady

FACULTY — HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Ruth Burrill
Miss Anita Espanet
Mrs. Diane Evans
Mrs. Grace Hutchinson
Mrs. Pearl Kimball
Miss Mary Kirby
Mr. Daniel Malloy

Mr. William McCabe
Mrs. Barbara Randall
Mrs. Frances Rehfeld
Mrs. Lorna Rhodes
Mrs. Frances Sanborn
Mrs. Helen Thomas
Mrs. Catherine Whelen

Mrs. Alyce Youngson

Faculty Resignation: Faculty Appointment:
Mrs. Gladys Burke (Retired) Mrs. Diane Evans

CUSTODIANS

Mr. William Hazard
Mr. George Menard
Mr. William Roche
Mr. Wayne Phipps

Mr. Bruno Ragaini
Mr. Everett Goodnow
Mr. Donald Coburn
Mr. Paul Ostrosky

Mr. Alec Yones

CAFETERIA STAFF

Mrs. Virginia Rogers
Mrs. Myrtle Garrett
Mrs. Vera Glidden
Mrs. Nancy Wagner

Mrs. Olive Francis
Mrs. Gail Hixon
Mrs. Joan Marchand
Mrs. Beverly Orff

Mrs. Shirley Phipps
Mrs. Sonja Pearson
Mrs. Marie Oliver
Mrs. Eunice Porter

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1969—1970

Fall Term, Sixteen Weeks:

Term begins Wednesday, September 3, 1969

Term ends Tuesday, December 23, 1969

Winter Term, Seven Weeks:

Term begins Monday, January 5, 1970

Term ends Friday, February 13, 1970

Spring Term, Eight Weeks:

Term begins Monday, February 23, 1970

Term ends Friday, April 17, 1970

Summer Term, Eight Weeks:

Term begins Monday, April 27, 1970

Term ends Wednesday, June 24, 1970

High School Graduation: June 11, 1970

All Schools Close: June 24, 1970

Holidays:

Columbus Day, October 13, 1969

Teachers' Convention, November 7, 1969

Veterans Day, November 11, 1969

Thanksgiving, November 27-28, 1969

Christmas, December 25, 1969

New Year's, January 1, 1970

Good Friday, March 27, 1970

Memorial Day, May 25, 1970

Age of Admission to Schools:

To be admitted to Grade 1, a child must be five years old on or before January 1st preceding the opening of school in September. No child will be admitted to Grade 1 for the first time after October 15th.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL CENSUS

The annual census and distribution of school attending children was taken October 1969. This includes all residents of the Town of Mendon and the Town of Upton attending local or other than local schools. This tabulation also includes children attending kindergarten who have not as yet reached five years of age and children attending high school or vocational schools who are beyond the age of sixteen.

Distribution of school attending children, residents of the Town of Mendon and the Town of Upton as of October 1, 1969:

| | MENDON | | | UPTON | | |
|---------------|--------|-------|------------|-------|-------|------------|
| | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |
| Special Class | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Grade I | 31 | 36 | 67 | 36 | 32 | 68 |
| Grade II | 26 | 25 | 51 | 45 | 41 | 86 |
| Grade III | 28 | 27 | 55 | 36 | 38 | 74 |
| Grade IV | 26 | 28 | 54 | 36 | 35 | 71 |
| Grade V | 21 | 30 | 51 | 41 | 35 | 76 |
| Grade VI | 31 | 27 | 58 | 37 | 37 | 74 |
| | | | <u>340</u> | | | <u>453</u> |

Nipmuc Regional High School

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|------------|----|----|------------|----|----|------------|
| Grade VII | 35 | 31 | 66 | 40 | 37 | 77 |
| Grade VIII | 28 | 22 | 50 | 31 | 43 | 74 |
| Grade IX | 25 | 25 | 50 | 30 | 33 | 63 |
| Grade X | 20 | 32 | 52 | 31 | 35 | 66 |
| Grade XI | 29 | 16 | 45 | 21 | 33 | 54 |
| Grade XII | 10 | 27 | 37 | 22 | 24 | 46 |
| | | | <u>300</u> | | | <u>380</u> |

| | Mendon | Upton | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| Total number in Public Schools | 640 | 833 | 1473 |
| Total number in Special Schools | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Total number in Vocational Schools | 15 | 24 | 39 |
| Total number in Private Schools | 19 | 33 | 52 |
| Total number in Private Kindergarten | 18 | 29 | <u>47</u> |

Grand Total School Attending Children: 1617

REPORT OF THE MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Towns of Mendon and Upton:

The year 1969 has been an exceptionally busy and at times a frustrating one for your committee. Although beset with many problems and disappointments we feel we have overcome the majority of them to the satisfaction of all concerned.

This is our first full year of operation as a K-12 District. Regionalization of kindergarten through grade 12 has started to show some benefits such as one school committee instead of four, one Teachers' Association contract instead of three, one cafeteria workers contract instead of three, 100% reimbursement on all regular school bus contracts and increased State Aid in other areas due to regionalization.

The death of our late Superintendent, Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, in February was deeply felt by your committee. The excellent cooperation of Mr. Wilho Frigard, Principal, and Mr. Anthony Gulla, Assistant Principal, in cheerfully accepting additional work loads and longer hours helped us considerably while we were in the process of engaging a new superintendent.

We screened approximately thirty applications for this position and finally reduced this number to eight. Each of the eight were interviewed, some more than once, before we made our final selection. All of the applicants presented excellent records and recommendations. Your committee feels the selection of Mr. Gordon B. Allan was a wise one and hope you all concur.

Mr. Allan came to work for us at a time that would discourage most men. We were in the midst of budget preparation, teacher contract negotiations, teacher resignations, school site investigations, school session and curtailed curriculum discussions, etc. Mr. Allan has proven himself capable of working under such conditions and is continually striving toward a better program.

Early in the year we felt we had finally found a suitable site for a new school. The Pleasant Street site in Upton met with all State Department of Public Health and Department of Education requirements. However, at special Town Meetings called for the pur-

pose of acquiring this land we were once again disappointed by the refusal of one Town to accept our recommendation. We were disappointed but not discouraged and immediately requested our Site Committee (Mr. Paul V. Swanson, Chairman, Mr. James Wheeler, Mr. Noyes Bridgham, Mr. Arthur Johnson) to investigate other property. We are hopeful that we will be able to present another site for consideration by the time of the annual Town Meetings in March 1970.

We are faced with several problems directly related to lack of adequate classroom space. We are required by State mandate to implement kindergarten by September 1973. We do not have space in present school buildings in Upton and available space in Mendon is dwindling due to increased enrollment and projected kindergarten enrollment figures. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get State approval to operate on two sessions of school per day. If we can not show concrete evidence of a solution we stand a good chance of losing a large portion of State Aid.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the administrative staff, teaching staff, and all other school employees for their cooperation under existing conditions. We would also like to thank the Selectmen, Finance Committee members, and citizens of both towns for their support and cooperation. We hope that with this same spirit of civic pride, 1970 will be a year of action on a new school and the answer to some of our most pressing problems.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD L. CHILDS, Chairman
RICHARD G. HOWARTH, Vice Chairman
MRS. NANCY BRADLEY
MR. RICHARD FERRUCCI
MRS. MARJARIE McLAUGHLIN
MR. JERALD RICE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Mendon-Upton Regional School Committee
and the Citizens of Mendon and Upton:

The year 1969 has been a year of many milestones for the Mendon-Upton Regional School District. On January 1, 1969 the district absorbed responsibility for operating the elementary schools of Mendon and Upton as a complete K-12 regional school district. The "K" designation reminds us of our legal obligation to begin operating a kindergarten program within the next three years. For the present, "Mendon-Upton" includes the Henry P. Clough School serving grades 1-6 in Mendon, the George S. Ball School in Upton housing the first grade, the Upton Memorial School serving grades 2-6, and Nipmuc Regional High School providing secondary education for grades 7-12.

In February the district was saddened at the passing of Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, first and only superintendent of schools since Nipmuc opened in 1960. Temporary administrative arrangements saw Mr. Wilho Frigard serving as acting superintendent and Mr. Anthony Gulla temporarily administering the principal's office at Nipmuc Regional High School.

The undersigned was honored to be selected to serve as educational leader of the school system in early summer and began work at Mendon-Upton Regional School District while closing out a period of service in southern New Hampshire. With all of the changes noted, it is hoped that a reasonable continuity of service was provided.

This has been the year when a reluctant decision was made to operate the High School on two non-overlapping short sessions each day. High school grades 9-12 attend school from 7:30-12:30 and enjoy a reasonably complete program including extra-curricular activities such as sports and clubs. Junior high grades 7-8 attend school from 12:30-5:00 and receive a basic curriculum without home economics or industrial arts, limited use of library, little physical education, art and music for some. Approval to operate a reduced school day requires annual authorization from the State Department of Education. A condition of that approval is a statement of community effort to remedy the school housing problem. For 1969 total regionalization and removal of restriction on school location was accepted as a satisfactory statement of progress. Renewal of approval will require substantial progress toward the start of a new school in 1970.

The school reports of a year ago all refer to the urgent need for additional school space. An attempt to acquire a school site was made in 1969. The search goes on, aided by the efforts of the Building Site Committee who have recommended putting together several small but desirable parcels of land which might be exchanged for one single piece of property from the Department of Natural Resources. As of this date conversations have been held, surveys and appraisals prepared, and a possible site accession through exchange seems to be a hopeful possibility.

This has been the year when administration and school committee have reviewed priorities and made some important commitments, both educational and operational. In order to do better what we are already doing, or to add needed programs and services, we have agreed:

1. To offer an organized library service at both the Memorial and Clough Schools. Staff time increased from ten to twenty-five hours weekly. Using a dollars-per-pupil formula a book acquisition program started with objective of fifteen books per pupil.
2. To institute a "helping teacher" program in grades with unusually large enrollment. In 1969 this was grade 1 at the Clough School.
3. To increase teaching time for the elementary music teacher to four and, next fall, to five days per week.
4. To add more teaching time in art education.
5. To coordinate existing pupil service activities (guidance, health, remedial reading, mentally handicapped, tutorial service to the blind) into a department of pupil personnel services. Added new service will be elementary counseling, later speech and hearing, learning disabilities service.
6. To add three teaching positions at the High School: social studies, math/science, transitional grade 7.

7. To improve elementary administration by strengthening the "head teacher" program and providing secretarial service in both towns.
8. To provide nursing service at all locations at least two hours daily.
9. To stimulate educational activity by the purchase of needed instructional equipment.
10. To improve the environment for learning by making existing facilities more attractive.
11. To develop long-range approaches to fiscal planning which builds a school budget around educational objectives—and then works toward those objectives over a period of years.
12. To encourage varied professional growth activities by staff members at all levels.
13. To work toward a pattern of organization built around the primary school (K-4), the middle school (5-8), and the high school (9-12).

These are active times for education in Mendon-Upton Regional School District, and we look forward to 1970 with anticipation.

Respectfully submitted,
GORDON B. ALLAN
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The most significant fact to be reported from the Nipmuc Regional High School is, of course, that double sessions for the entire school are now a fact. Since September grades nine through twelve have been attending school from 7:20 a.m. to 12:28 p.m., with the seventh and eighth grades in session from 12:30 to 4:54 p.m.

By having 40-minute periods (compared to 44 minutes in the past), it is possible to offer the same program of studies and extra-curricular activities at the high school level as in the past. In the afternoon session for the seventh and eighth grades, we have a six-period day. Five of these periods are devoted to academic activities, with the additional period being utilized to offer a limited extra-curricular program. At this time, the junior high school pupils have an opportunity to participate in band three times per week, chorus two times per week, and eighty youngsters are taking advantage of a one-period-per-week elective program of art. There is no physical education program for the seventh and eighth grades; but many boys and girls, by arriving at school approximately an hour early on one or two days per week, do have the opportunity to participate in an intramural athletic program.

In looking ahead to next September, we are planning to broaden the curriculum in the high school by adding a teacher in the social studies department and a combination science-mathematics teacher for an expansion in those two departments. Also, we are planning to employ a "transitional" teacher to work specifically with those youngsters who have difficulty adjusting to the work in the seventh grade. This teacher will give concentrated attention to correcting the weaknesses of these pupils; so that they will not feel lost and become discouraged and thus lose interest in school.

We must not lose sight of the fact, though, that double sessions are educationally unsatisfactory. All pupils are receiving decreased educational dividends. Class instruction time has been shortened in order to provide as complete a program as possible. A four-minute cut in class periods does not seem much at first glance; but it has serious implications over a period of time. Over a 180-day school year, a four-minute loss of time in a single period will amount to twelve hours. When this loss is determined for an average class load of five, the total number of hours missed by each pupil in a year adds up to a very significant loss of valuable class time.

Added losses in the afternoon session make the situation even more serious. We have no physical education program for the seventh graders, no general music, no home economics or industrial arts. Very limited use of the library during the afternoon is a serious detriment. In addition, the afternoon session is not conducive to a desirable teaching-learning situation. Most of the seventh and eighth graders, after a morning of normal out-of-school activity, find it difficult to settle down to an academic routine.

Too many youngsters have already been "short-changed" in their education due to double-sessions. More delay will just dilute even more the quality of education on the secondary level in our school district.

Respectfully submitted,
WILHO FRIGARD, Principal

**AWARDS PRESENTED
AT THE 1969 GRADUATION EXERCISES**

1. The D.A.R. Good Citizenship Certificate to Janet Porter.
2. The Student Government Day Representative Certificate to the student elected to represent Nipmuc Regional High School at the annual Student Government Day at the State House to William Hackenson.
3. The American Legion School Award given by the Roger L. Wood Post of Mendon to Kathy Fagan.
4. Ella Whitney Risteen Awards of \$25.00 each to the boy and girl who have made the greatest progress in terms of total growth and development to Christopher May and Linda Bishop.
5. French Club scholarship of \$100.00 to Kathy Fagan
6. Future Teachers of America scholarship of \$50.00 to Elaine Barrows.
7. Future Nurses of America scholarship of \$50.00 to Linda Hebert.
8. Future Business Leaders of America scholarship of \$25 00 to Deborah Rhodes.

9. Upton Grange scholarships of \$50.00 each to Kenneth Lemoine and Rita Pellerin.
10. Upton Women's Club scholarship of \$100.00 to Karen Sanborn.
11. Scholarships of \$75.00 each to Karleen Barrows and Alfred Perron, awarded by the George L. Wood Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Upton.
12. Upton Kiwanis Club Waldo Graton scholarship of \$150.00 to Kenneth Lemoine.
13. Upton Bloomer Girls scholarships of \$100.00 each to Rita Pellerin and Michael Matthews.
14. Scholarships of \$70.00 each to Marianne Zajac and Michael Matthews, awarded by the Sakatumi, the junior high school newspaper.
15. A \$150.00 scholarship known as the Kenneth L. Sharp Memorial Scholarship to Cathi Carter.
16. Mendon-Upton Elementary Teachers scholarships of \$250.00 each to Sheila Lee and Rita Pellerin.
17. Mendon-Upton Regional Teachers Association scholarships to the following graduates in the amounts indicated:

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Elaine Barrows | \$100.00 | Wayne Phipps | \$100.00 |
| Karleen Barrows | \$100.00 | Janet Porter | \$100.00 |
| Barbara Davenport | \$100.00 | Harriet Wiersma | \$100.00 |
| William Hackenson | \$100.00 | Cathi Carter | \$150.00 |
| Linda Hebert | \$100.00 | Linda Smith | \$200.00 |
| Kenneth Lemoine | \$100.00 | Alfred Perron | \$500.00* |

* Henry P. Clough Scholarship

MENDON—UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY DIVISION

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

It is a pleasure to submit my Sixth Annual Report as Supervisor of Elementary Schools.

It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do.

We have always had the strength to do things and we now have the great strength to decide on what to do.

Our Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Gordon B. Allan, immediately upon assuming his position as school head, contacted his administrative staff in order to form an Administrative Council. Meeting on a weekly basis the council evaluated and re-evaluated the direction in which our School District should go. Decisions were made, priorities established and finally recommendations were made to the school board.

Agreement was reached in principle that our school organization should be on a K-4 Elementary; 5-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School. The Elementary Supervisor and the High School Principal attended a two-day seminar on the Middle School in Nyack, New York to obtain sophisticated information in regard to curriculum and organization. Many school people from all over the United States participated in the seminar and were duly impressed by the success of the Middle School organization. Set up properly, curriculum design reaches students. We certainly feel that the Middle School organization will meet the needs of our students. Specific information will be released at a later date.

Our curriculum goals in our concept of school organization is to provide instruction on an individualized basis and allow students to broaden their educational pursuits in as many areas as possible.

Music education has been expanded and increased in structure and goals. The Instrumental Music Supervisor is scheduled in each elementary school every day. Students meet twice weekly at the High School for band rehearsals. We are also happy to report that

the band members are provided bus transportation home after rehearsals. Playing an instrument teaches an exact skill and highly motivates students. Participating in such a program broadens the child's horizon and creates a well-balanced educational program.

Our Vocal Music Program also has been given a boost. Students now have the opportunity to meet once a week at the High School for rehearsals. The music teacher is now working four days per week. Increased time makes the music teacher's services more available and on a longer period basis. The program now provides music theory, appreciation, note reading and chorus. Chorus members are also transported home after rehearsals.

Library services have been increased and will rapidly expand to provide a better than adequate school library system. The librarian is now servicing all elementary schools. Title II ESEA funds from the Federal Government were received to increase our volumes. Curriculum grade books were recently purchased for both libraries. The librarian will spend fifteen hours in Upton and ten hours in Mendon. Pupils in the entire elementary system will be able to take books out on loan, do research either independently or by groups. Teachers will be able to request book and instructional resources from the librarian thereby creating a coordinated effort in planning lessons.

The Mendon-Upton Regional School District received a \$14,000.00 grant from the Federal Government (Title I ESEA) to conduct a summer reading program for pupils in grades 1-3 and students in grades 9-10. Significant advances were made in the program and all involved in the project feel the program should continue.

A department of Pupil Personnel Services has been created and will be in full operation in September. The new department will coordinate guidance, health, special education, remedial reading, speech and hearing. A major gain for the elementary schools under this newly created department will be in the employment of an elementary counselor in September, to provide a vital service to pupils on an individual and group basis. We plan to have the services of a speech and hearing teacher the following year. Also planned is the strengthening of our special education program. Pupil Personnel Services are vital to the successful operation of a school. If pupils have problems in speech or hearing or have per-

sonal problems, learning does not take place. It is our responsibility to provide services to our children that create maximum learning situations.

Physical appearances of school plants are important to the teaching and learning environment. Our superintendent has taken the necessary steps to provide plants of which we can all be proud. Painting inside and outside, carpeting, hard topping, shelving, cabinets, proper draining, functional electrical systems, correction of burner problems have truly initiated the types of school environments that lifts the morale of both staff and students. We have a nagging roof problem in Upton that we must take a good hard look at in the spring. We have a great deal of money invested in our public buildings and we intend to bring them back in top condition.

To give adequate coverage in the elementary schools a secretary has been employed for the Henry P. Clough School four hours daily until June, then full time in September. This is a significant gain as it allows the Elementary Supervisor more time to work with teachers and pupils.

Our Parent-Teacher organizations have been great to us. I can say in all sincerity that our P.T.A.'s are vitally interested in the education of our children and have supported our endeavors with great enthusiasm.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, faculty and townspeople for their efforts, accomplishments and continued support to provide the best possible education for our children.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD M. SOTER
Supervisor of Elementary Schools

CONSOLIDATED CAFETERIA FINANCIAL REPORT

On January 1, 1969 cafeterias in Mendon, Upton and Nipmuc Regional High School were consolidated. There were no balances carried forward for Mendon and Upton elementary cafeterias.

The following represents the combined financial report for the year 1969.

Cash Balance January 1, 1969 (1,363.15)

RECEIPTS

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Cafeteria Sales | 43,819.01 |
| USDA Claim Checks | 14,192.82 |
| Other Receipts | 954.85 |
| Appropriation | <u>3,539.33</u> |

Net Receipts \$ 61,142.86

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Food and Milk | 30,678.92 |
| Labor | 25,501.94 |
| Other Expense | 2,375.07 |
| Equipment | <u>59.33</u> |

Net Disbursements \$ 58,615.26

Balance January 1, 1970 \$ 2,527.60

FINANCIAL REPORT December 31, 1969

| | Budget 1969 | Expenditures | Balance |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| General Control | \$ 28,825.00 | \$ 28,654.66 | \$ 170.34 |
| Expense of Instruction | 664,590.35 | 664,589.10 | 1.25 |
| Operation School Plant | 72,061.00 | 72,054.40 | 6.60 |
| Maintenance | 23,406.00 | 23,404.91 | 1.09 |
| Transportation | 119,913.84 | 119,906.20 | 7.64 |
| Health Services | 9,150.00 | 9,065.07 | 84.93 |
| Acquisition Equip. | 2,592.40 | 2,406.50 | 185.90 |
| Fixed Charges | 17,586.00 | 17,231.27 | 354.73 |
| Other Expense | <u>11,530.00</u> | <u>11,360.54</u> | <u>169.46</u> |
| TOTAL | \$949,654.59 | \$948,672.65 | \$ 981.94 |

REPORT OF TREASURER December 31, 1969

Cash Balance January 1, 1969 \$ 88,218.36

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Town Assessments: | |
| Upton | 542,620.00 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Mendon | 399,589.65 |
| State Reimbursements | 148,865.40 |
| Nat'l Defense Ed. Act Grants | 745.64 |
| Interest | 898.20 |
| Net Inc. in School Lunch Program | 3,890.75 |
| Net Inc. in School Special Funds | 826.43 |
| Miscellaneous | 8,622.92 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Operation Expense | \$ 968,373.07 |
| Debt Service — Principal | 60,000.00 |
| — Interest | 24,650.00 |
| Net Decrease in School Athletic Fund | 165.32 |

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash Balance January 1, 1970 | <u>141,088.96</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|

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|----------------|----------------|
| \$1,194,277.35 | \$1,194,277.35 |
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BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1969

ASSETS:

| | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Home National Bank | \$121,503.36 | |
| Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association | <u>19,585.60</u> | |
| Total Cash | | \$141,088.96 |

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Federal Grants | \$ 6,956.27 | |
| Title I | 675.93 | |
| Vocational Education Grant | 504.30 | |
| Revolving Funds | 837.39 | |
| Athletic Fund | 353.65 | |
| Cafeteria | 2,527.60 | |
| Surplus Revenue | <u>129,233.82</u> | |
| Total | | \$141,088.96 |

FIXED DEBT

Mendon-Upton Regional School District Bond:
4 1/4% dated July 1, 1959:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Original Issue: | \$1,150,000.00 |
| Matured to date: | <u>600,000.00</u> |
| Balance Due | \$ 550,000.00 |

REPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Regular School Committee meetings are held at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

During the year of 1969 the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee held eleven regular meetings and four special meetings.

1. Enrollment

At the beginning of 1969, 108 boys were in the junior class, 107 in the sophomore class and 106 were in the freshman class. The number of students in each of the departments was as follows: 34 in Auto Body, 34 in Auto Mechanics, 36 in Mill and House Carpentry, 38 in Drafting, 39 in Electronics, 73 in Machine Shop, 38 in Metal Fabrication and 29 in Plant Maintenance.

In the Fall of 1968 the School Committee voted to build an addition that would make it possible to admit more students in September of 1969. The new wing contains four shops, six classrooms, a technical drawing room, a communication skills center, and a guidance office. This will increase our capacity from 360 to 520 pupils and will allow us to accept about 160 freshmen in September of 1970.

In September we started our fourth year of operation with 104 seniors, 103 juniors, 99 sophomores, and 132 freshmen for a total of 438 pupils. The number of boys from each of the Towns was as follows: 36 from Bellingham, 24 from Blackstone, 18 from Douglas, 52 from Grafton, 25 from Hopedale, 12 from Mendon, 69 from Milford, 57 from Millbury, 5 from Millville, 52 from Northbridge, 24 from Sutton, 21 from Upton, and 43 from Uxbridge.

MENDON STUDENTS

Class of 1970

| NAME | COURSE |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Thompson, Andrew J. | Drafting |
| Burnham, George H., Jr. | Electronics |
| Woupio, Allen L. | Drafting |

Class of 1971

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Shapley, Bruce B. | Machine Shop |
| Leoncini, Louis A. III | Plant Maintenance |

Class of 1972

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Hoggarth, Gary N. | Metal Fabrication |
| Auty, William A. | Electrical |
| Crane, David A. | Electrical |

Class of 1973

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Daige, Michael J. | Carpentry |
| Good, Gary R. | Graphic Arts |
| Kempton, Paul A. | Auto Body |
| Nealley, Mark R. | Plant Maintenance |

Total Mendon Students: 12

The success of the school so far has exceeded the fondest dreams of the committee and the first graduates of the school in June of this year will undoubtedly make the town of Mendon proud to be a part in furthering the vocational education of the mid-Massachusetts area.

Respectfully submitted,
GERARD SWEENEY
Member of Committee
for the Town of Mendon

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES BY TOWNS FOR 1970

| Town | 1970 Operating Expenses | 1970 Capital Assessment | 1970 Total | * Income Chapter 779 | Net Cost to Town |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Bellingham | \$ 45,775.00 | \$ 6,980.00 | \$ 52,755.00 | \$56,482.53 | \$ 3,727.53 |
| Blackstone | 29,245.00 | 4,053.00 | 33,298.00 | 25,309.04 | 7,988.96 |
| Douglas | 22,888.00 | 2,766.00 | 25,654.00 | 9,563.19 | 16,090.81 |
| Grafton | 64,848.00 | 9,319.00 | 74,167.00 | 43,779.11 | 30,387.89 |
| Hopedale | 31,788.00 | 4,359.00 | 36,147.00 | 13,614.20 | 22,532.80 |
| Mendon | 15,259.00 | 1,918.00 | 17,177.00 | 10,614.53 | 6,562.47 |
| Milford | 87,735.00 | 13,527.00 | 101,262.00 | 36,171.92 | 65,090.08 |
| Millbury | 68,662.00 | 10,709.00 | 79,371.00 | 43,776.15 | 35,594.85 |
| Millville | 6,357.00 | 1,055.00 | 7,412.00 | 5,801.15 | 1,610.85 |
| Northbridge | 66,119.00 | 9,693.00 | 75,812.00 | 41,560.45 | 34,251.55 |
| Sutton | 30,516.00 | 4,384.00 | 34,900.00 | 19,343.82 | 15,556.18 |
| Upton | 26,702.00 | 3,689.00 | 30,391.00 | 15,809.21 | 14,581.79 |
| Uxbridge | 54,676.00 | 7,548.00 | 62,224.00 | 28,334.75 | 33,889.25 |

TOTALS \$550,570.00 \$80,000.00 \$630,570.00

*Chapter 779 Acts of 1967

Each town in a regional school district shall continue to receive such state aid for educational purposes as it would be entitled to receive if such district had not been formed; and in addition to such state aid, the state treasurer shall pay annually to each town in a regional school district an amount equal to fifteen percent of the amount of school aid determined to be due such town under the provisions of Chapter 70.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Citizens of Mendon:

For the year 1970 your Finance Committee recommends that the sum of \$712,451.00 be raised and appropriated at the annual town meeting. This includes \$695,486.00 for Article 4 Appropriations and \$16,965.00 for Special Articles. Available and Special Funds amount to \$33,926.00, leaving a balance of \$678,525.00 to be raised by tax levy. This represents an increase of \$69,809.00 (11%) over 1969. The major changes are explained under the budget review section of this report.

During 1969 the Finance Committee conducted a wage survey of the town's hourly paid employees. The results indicated that, with the exception of the full time police officers, Mendon was still paying lower wages than other towns of similar size. For this reason we are recommending a two step increase in hourly wages. The first step was to bring hourly rates by job classification up to the survey average. The second step was to recommend a 5% across the board increase. These increases apply to all hourly paid and full time employees effective April 1, 1970. The approximate cost to the Town will amount to \$5,000.00 annually.

In previous years Available Funds have been used for financing the State and County's share of Chapter 90 Construction. However, these projects have fallen steadily behind to the point that we now have \$45,176.00 of unexpended funds dating back to 1966 tied up. This situation caused our 1970 Available Funds to drop from a five year average of \$46,000.00 down to \$20,021.00. As a result we were forced to recommend that the 1970 State and County's share of Chapter 90 Construction be raised by borrowing. We feel that it is imperative that these projects be completed in order to free these restricted funds and therefor recommend that as many future projects as possible be put out for bid to avoid a recurrence of this condition.

Of the \$5,000.00 Reserve Fund appropriated in 1969, \$4,818.43 was transferred and is included in the 1969 expenditures of the departments enumerated below:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Interest on Temporary Loans | \$1,120.49 |
| Police Department Wages | 794.48 |
| Highway Dept., General Repair Exp. | 782.39 |
| Town Hall Renovations | 596.40 |
| Tree Warden Expense | 587.90 |
| Dog Officer Expense | 391.55 |
| Fire Department Wages | 300.00 |
| Seven Other Departments | <u>245.22</u> |
| Total Transfers | <u>\$4,818.43</u> |

BUDGET REVIEW – ARTICLE 4

In reviewing Article 4, all comparisons are between the 1970 recommended figures and the 1969 appropriated figures. In order to avoid needless detail only major changes will be commented on.

General Government:

Elections and Registration provide for Primary and State elections not held in 1969. Town Hall Wages include \$400 in clerical wages to cover peak work loads in the Assessor's and Tax Collector's Departments.

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department Wages include \$2,200 for the answering service which was formerly classified in the Expense category. \$1,560 represents three months wages for the third full time man who was only employed for nine months in 1969. Cruiser trade-in is recommended for late 1970. At that time it will be eighteen months old and have over 100,000 miles on it. The Conservation Commission budget includes \$500 for weed control at Lake Nipmuc.

Highways:

The amount budgeted to the General Repair account in 1969 proved to be inadequate to meet normal and emergency projects. For this reason, together with anticipated repairs to be made on the highway building, we are recommending an increase of \$2,700. The \$3,500 increase in the Snow Removal Account is due to a 20% rise in the cost of hired equipment and the severe conditions encountered this winter. Equipment Purchases recommended for 1970 are replacement of the International pick-up and three snow plows. These recommendations were made in keeping with a planned rotation of all the heavy equipment.

Schools:

Mendon's share of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District budget was \$47,811 higher than 1969. This is after reducing the budget with \$10,863 of unexpended funds from prior years. The Blackstone Valley Vocational School District budget increased \$6,911 over last year due primarily to a drop in government reimbursements. Of the \$73,775 increase in Article 4, \$54,722 (75%) is attributable to school budgets.

Maturing Debt and Interest:

\$1,900 of the \$2,262 increase in this category is interest on temporary loans. Center School and the Town Beach Loan have a remaining life of five years.

SPECIAL ARTICLES

Article 5: Unpaid Bills of Prior Years

We recommend that the sum of \$24.26 be appropriated to pay the Town Clerk for unpaid bills of the Board of Elections and Registration Expense Account for the year 1968. This requires a 4/5ths vote.

Article 6: North Avenue and Route 16 Intersection Project

This amount will cover excavation of land, relocating the stone wall and landscaping. Drivers proceeding across Route 16 from North Avenue will be provided with a better view easterly on Route 16. We recommend that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated for this project.

Article 7: Main Street Drainage

The State grant under Chapter 768, Section 5, of the Acts of 1969 provides funds for the reconstruction, maintenance and repair of highways and bridges, and for the enforcement of traffic laws. Funds provided for under this grant will be used for the reconstruction of the drainage system on Main Street. We recommend that the sum of \$8,204.28 be appropriated for this project.

Article 8: Bates Street Reconstruction

The State grant under Chapter 768, Section 4, of the Acts of 1969 will be used to continue the reconstruction project on Bates Street which was instituted in 1967. We recommend that the sum of \$2,734.76 be appropriated for this project.

Article 9: Purchase and Installation of Traffic Signs

This article is to provide funds for the purchase and installation of speed control signs from the Upton town line down North Avenue, Main Street and Providence Road to the Blackstone town line. We recommend that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 10: Northbridge Road Drainage

At the present time heavy rains are causing flooding conditions on a section of Northbridge Road. To eliminate this hazardous situation existing drainage pipe must be replaced with a larger size. We therefor recommend that the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated for this project.

In closing we wish to thank the town officials and department heads for their cooperation and assistance during the past year. We urge you, the voters and taxpayers, to attend the Annual Town Meeting and bring this report with you.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL N. BARNES, Chairman
EMERSON F. WHITE, Vice-Chairman
WILLIAM F. OBER, Clerk
THOMAS P. GUERRA
ARTHUR F. JOHNSON
RAYMOND H. GRANT
ROBERT E. BREWER

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN TOWN FINANCE

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Report and at Town Meetings. These definitions are provided in order to give you a better understanding of their meaning:

SURPLUS REVENUE:

This fund, often referred to as "Excess & Deficiency" (E & D) represents the amount by which the Cash, Accounts Receivable and other assets exceed the liabilities and reserves.

AVAILABLE FUNDS:

A fund, often referred to as "Free Cash", certified annually by the State Bureau of Accounts by deducting from Surplus Revenue all uncollected taxes for prior years and overdrawn accounts. This fund may be used by a vote of the Town Meeting.

RESERVE FUND:

This fund is established by the voters at the annual town meeting and may be composed of the following: 1) an appropriation not exceeding 5% of the preceding year's tax levy; 2) money appropriated from Overlay Reserve; or 3) both. Transfers from the Reserve Fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance Committee and are for "extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures."

STABILIZATION FUND:

A special account created to provide a reserve for capital expenditures. Under certain conditions the State will match sums taken from this Fund during the first year only; and in amounts up to a maximum of \$100,000. This Fund reduces the Bonding costs for Mendon.

OVERLAY:

The overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted and avoid fractions when establishing the tax rate.

OVERLAY RESERVE:

This is the accumulated amount of the Overlay for various years not used or required to be held in the specific Overlay account for a given year. It may be used by vote of the town for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures or voted into the Reserve Fund.

ROAD MACHINERY FUND: (An Income Account)

The Town charges for municipally owned equipment used on State (Chapter 81 & 90) reimbursed work. This charge is based upon acceptable rates set by the Mass. D.P.W. and covers such equipment as trucks, backhoes and rollers. The income is then deposited into this account. These funds are later appropriated to the Road Machinery Account.

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT:

This is an Expense Account and is used only for payment of operating and maintenance expenses of highway department equipment.

CHAPTER 90 FUNDS:

These funds are spent for highway construction and maintenance with the cooperation of the town, county and State Department of Public Works. The shares for new construction are: Town 25%; County 25%; and State 50%. Maintenance projects are shared equally, one-third each.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
ARTICLE 4
BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

| Item No. | Expended | | Recom- mended |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 |
| General Government – 3.5% of Total | | | |
| Moderator: | | | |
| 1. Salary | \$ 25 | \$ 25 | \$ 25 |
| 2. Expense | —0— | 12 | 20 |
| 3. Finance Committee Expense | 103 | 64 | 125 |
| Selectmen: | | | |
| 4. Salaries | 1,000 | 1,113 | 1,300 |
| 5. Expense | 435 | 364 | 400 |
| Town Accountant: | | | |
| 6. Salary | 700 | 775 | 800 |
| 7. Expense | 72 | 65 | 100 |
| Treasurer: | | | |
| 8. Salary | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| 9. Expense | 631 | 708 | 1,000 |
| Tax Collector: | | | |
| 10. Salary | 1,200 | 1,313 | 1,350 |
| 11. Expense | 798 | 821 | 950 |
| Assessors: | | | |
| 12. Salaries | 1,045 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| 13. Expense | 335 | 639 | 950 |
| Town Counsel: | | | |
| 14. Salary | 50 | 29 | 50 |
| 15. Expense | 575 | 642 | 650 |
| Town Clerk: | | | |
| 16. Salary | 450 | 488 | 500 |
| 17. Expense | 223 | 624 | 700 |
| Elections & Registrations: | | | |
| 18. Salaries & Wages | 1,411 | 860 | 1,400 |
| 19. Expense | 482 | 533 | 700 |
| 20. Planning Board Expense | 54 | 152 | 325 |
| 21. Industrial Development Commission Expense | 10 | 170 | 300 |
| Town Hall: | | | |
| 22. Salaries & Wages | 4,195 | 4,370 | 5,100 |
| 23. Expense | 1,064 | 1,239 | 1,375 |
| 24. Furniture & Equipment | 468 | 1,234 | 800 |
| 25. Tax Title Foreclosure | —0— | —0— | 100 |
| 26. Heat & Light, Town Buildings | 2,178 | 2,493 | 2,800 |
| TOTAL | \$19,004 | \$21,433 | \$24,520 |

| Item No. | Expended 1968 | Expended 1969 | Recom- mended 1970 |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|

Protection of Persons & Property — 8.3% of Total

| | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Police Department: | | | |
| 27. Salaries & Wages | \$22,802 | \$27,789 | \$33,000 |
| 28. Expense | 5,015 | 8,253 | 6 250 |
| 29. Cruiser Trade-In | 2,000 | 2,658 | 2,600 |
| Fire Department: | | | |
| 30. Salaries & Wages | 2,662 | 2,897 | 2,975 |
| 31. Expense | 2,099 | 2,224 | 2 250 |
| 32. Equipment | 992 | 1,137 | 1,200 |
| Dog Officer: | | | |
| 33. Salary | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| 34. Expense | 973 | 1,346 | 1,425 |
| Civil Defense: | | | |
| 35. Salary | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 36. Expense | 100 | 9 | 250 |
| 37. Auxiliary Police Expense | 243 | 407 | 400 |
| 38. Constable Salaries | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| 39. Board of Appeals Expense | -0- | -0- | 25 |
| Wiring Inspector: | | | |
| 40. Salaries | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| 41. Expense | -0- | -0- | 35 |
| 42. Gas Inspector Salary | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Tree Warden: | | | |
| 43. Wages | 1,313 | 656 | 750 |
| 44. Expense | 1,600 | 2,135 | 2,050 |
| 45. Insect Pest Control | 800 | 800 | 800 |
| 46. Dutch Elm Disease Control | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| 47. Additional Spraying, Including Mosquito | 900 | 900 | 900 |
| 48. Conservation Comm. Expense | -0- | -0- | 700 |
| TOTAL | \$43,244 | \$52,956 | \$57,355 |

Health & Sanitation — 1.2% of Total

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Board of Health | | | |
| 49. Salaries & Wages | \$ 570 | \$ 741 | \$ 725 |
| 50. Expense | 947 | 1,322 | 4,950 |
| 51. Town Dump | 2,100 | 2,400 | 2,700 |
| TOTAL | \$ 3,617 | \$ 4,463 | \$ 8 375 |

| Item No. | Expended 1968 | Expended 1969 | Recom- mended 1970 |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|

Highways — 12.4% of Total

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| General Repairs: | | | |
| 52. Wages | \$ 4,402 | \$ 4,696 | \$ 5,500 |
| 53. Expense | 1,193 | 2,744 | 4,000 |
| Chapter 81: | (1) | | |
| 54. Town's Share | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 |
| 55. State's Share | (2) 10,175 | 10,175 | 10,175 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance: | (1) | | |
| 56. Town's Share | 1,700 | 1,999 | 2,000 |
| 57. State & County Share | 3,400 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Chapter 90 Construction: | (1) | | |
| 58. Town's Share | 1,162 | 1,795 | 4,000 |
| 59. State & County Share | 3,484 | 5,385 | 12,000 |
| Snow Removal: | | | |
| 60. Wages | 4,742 | 7,774 | 8,500 |
| 61. Expense | 9,168 | 14,731 | 16,500 |
| 62. Road Machinery Account | 4,438 | 5,648 | 6,500 |
| 63. Equipment Purchase | (1) 7,673 | 7,744 | 7,500 |
| 64. Street Lights | 1,299 | 1,472 | 1,700 |
| (1) To be voted individually | | | |
| (2) From Available Funds | | | |
| TOTAL | \$56,536 | \$71,863 | \$86,075 |

Veteran's Benefits — 1.7% of Total

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Administration: | | | |
| 65. Salary | \$ 450 | \$ 488 | \$ 500 |
| 66. Expense | 6 | 21 | 100 |
| 67. Aid To Veterans | 9,929 | 8,744 | 11,000 |
| TOTAL | \$10,385 | \$ 9,253 | \$11,600 |

Charities

| | | | |
|---|-----------|--------|--------|
| Welfare Services (Assumed by the State July 1, 1969) | \$34,420. | \$ —0— | \$ —0— |
|---|-----------|--------|--------|

| Item No. | Expended 1968 | Expended 1969 | Recom- mended 1970 |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|

Schools — 66.8% of Total

Mendon-Upton School District:

| | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 68. | Operating Costs | \$332,334 | \$378,612 | \$427,016 |
| 69. | Capital Costs | 21,761 | 20,978 | 20,385 |

Blackstone Valley Voc. Sch. Dist.

| | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 70. | Operating Costs | 4,978 | 7,893 | 15,259 |
| 71. | Capital Costs | 1,630 | 2,373 | 1,918 |
| | TOTAL | \$360,703 | \$409,856 | \$464,578 |

Library — .5% of Total

Taft Public Library:

| | | | | |
|-----|--|----------|----------|----------|
| 72. | Salaries & Wages (Including Library Aid of \$517) | \$ 1,453 | \$ 1,636 | \$ 1,800 |
| 73. | Expense (Including Dog License Refund of \$294) | 1,243 | 1,116 | 1,900 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 2,696 | \$ 2,752 | \$ 3,700 |

Parks & Recreation — .7% of Total

Park Department:

| | | | | |
|-----|---------|--------|-------|--------|
| 74. | Wages | \$ 100 | \$ 82 | \$ 100 |
| 75. | Expense | 974 | 1,048 | 1,150 |

Town Beach & Rec. Program

| | | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 76. | Salaries & Wages | 2,014 | 2,203 | 2,425 |
| 77. | Expense | 1,434 | 1,010 | 1,050 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 4,522 | \$ 4,343 | \$ 4,725 |

Pensions & Benefits — .9% of Total

| | | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 78. | Worcester County Retire. Fund | \$ 3,896 | \$ 4,693 | \$ 4,883 |
| 79. | Group Insurance, Town Employees | 2,077 | 1,223 | 1,500 |
| 80. | Group Insurance Administration | 103 | 109 | 100 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 6,076 | \$ 6,025 | \$ 6 483 |

| Item No. | Expended 1968 | Expended 1969 | Recom- mended 1970 |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Unclassified — 1.4% of Total | | | |
| 81. Town Reports | \$ 867 | \$ 1,243 | \$ 1,400 |
| 82. Memorial Day Observance | 249 | 151 | 275 |
| 83. Soldiers' & Sailors' Graves | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 84. Insurance on Town Buildings | 3,064 | 2,932 | 3,100 |
| 85. Reserve Fund | | | 5,000 |
| (Expended—1968 \$3,504) | | | |
| (Expended—1969 \$4,818) | | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 4,230 | \$ 4,376 | \$ 9,825 |
| Public Service Enterprise — .3% of Total | | | |
| 86. Water Department Expense | \$ 1,708 | \$ 1,959 | \$ 2,000 |
| Maturing Debt & Interest — 2.3% of Total | | | |
| Maturing Debt: | | | |
| 87. Center School Loan | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 |
| 88. Town Beach Loan | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Water Loan | 1,000 | 1,000 | —0— |
| Interest on Maturing Debt: | | | |
| 89. Center School Loan | 1,260 | 1,080 | 900 |
| 90. Town Beach Loan | 462 | 396 | 330 |
| 91. Fire Truck Loan | —0— | —0— | 500 |
| Water Loan | 33 | 12 | —0— |
| 92. Interest On Temporary Loans | 3,120 | 4,620 | 6,520 |
| TOTAL | \$13,875 | \$15,108 | \$16,250 |
| TOTAL ARTICLE 4 | <u>\$561,016</u> | <u>\$604,387</u> | <u>\$695,486</u> |

SUMMARY

| | Appropriated 1969 | Recommended 1970 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ARTICLE 4: | | |
| General Government | \$ 22,762 | \$ 24,520 |
| Protection of Persons & Property | 52,005 | 57,355 |
| Health & Sanitation | 7,655 | 8,375 |
| Highways | 78,075 | 86,075 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 11,600 | 11,600 |
| Schools | 409,857 | 464,578 |
| Library | 2,900 | 3,700 |
| Parks & Recreation | 4,450 | 4,725 |
| Pensions & Benefits | 6,594 | 6,483 |
| Unclassified | 9,825 | 9,825 |
| Public Service Enterprise | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Maturing Debt & Interest | <u>13,988</u> | <u>16,250</u> |
| Total Article 4 | \$621,711 | \$695,486 |
| SPECIAL ARTICLES: | | |
| 5. Unpaid bills, prior years | | \$ 25 |
| 6. North Ave. & Rte. 16 Project | | 3,000 |
| 7. Main Street Drainage Project | | 8,205 |
| 8. Bates Street Reconstruction | | 2,735 |
| 9. Traffic Signs | | 1,000 |
| 10. Northbridge Road Drainage | | <u>2,000</u> |
| Total Special Articles | \$ <u>56,993</u> | \$ <u>16,965</u> |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS | \$678,704 | \$712 451 |
| LESS SPECIAL & AVAIL. FUNDS | <u>\$ 69,988</u> | <u>\$ 33,926</u> |
| BALANCE TO BE RAISED BY TAX LEVY | <u><u>\$608,716</u></u> | <u><u>\$678,525</u></u> |

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the All Purpose Room of the Henry P. Clough School in said Mendon on Monday, the 23rd day of March, A.D. 1970, punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 2 and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Monday, the thirtieth day of March, A.D. 1970 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. at the Main Auditorium of the Nipmuc Regional High School.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers.

One Town Clerk for one year
One Town Moderator for one year
One Selectman for three years
One Assessor for three years
One Tax Collector for three years
One Treasurer for three years
One Constable for three years
One Highway Surveyor for one year
One Tree Warden for one year
One Member of the Board of Health for three years
One Member of the Housing Authority for five years
One Trustee for the Taft Public Library for two years
One Park Commissioner for three years
One Park Commissioner for one year
One Water Commissioner for three years
One Member of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District for three years
One Member of the Planning Board for five years

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1970 and January 1, 1971, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

RECOMMEND that the Treasurer be so authorized.

Article 3. To fix the salaries and compensations of the Elected Officers of the Town.

RECOMMEND that the Annual Salaries of the Elected Officers of the Town be fixed as follows: Moderator, \$25.00; Chairman of the Selectmen, \$450.00; Board Members, \$350.00 each; Treasurer, \$1,500.00; Tax Collector, \$1,350.00 plus fees; Town Clerk, \$500.00 plus fees; Assessors, \$375.00 each; Constables, \$20.00 each; Board of Health, \$75.00 each; and the Tree Warden be compensated at the rate of \$2.70 per hour; the Park Commissioners be compensated at the rate of \$2.30 per hour; and that all salaries and wages be effective as of April 1, 1970.

Article 4. To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from Available Funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and to provide for a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year.

SEE "Budget Expenditures & Recommendations."

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$24.26 to pay the Town Clerk for unpaid bills of the Board of Elections & Registration Expense account for the year 1968.

RECOMMEND that \$24.26 be appropriated to pay unpaid bills of prior years.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to alleviate the existing traffic hazard at the intersection of North Avenue and Route 16.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$3,000.00 be appropriated for reconstruction work at the intersection of North Avenue and Route 16.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,204.28 from the proceeds of Chapter 768, Section 5 of the Acts of 1969 for the reconstruction, maintenance and repair of highways and bridges, and for the enforcement of traffic laws.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$8,204.28 be appropriated from Chapter 768, Section 5, of the Acts of 1969 for the reconstruction, maintenance and repair of highways.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,734.76 from the proceeds of Chapter 768, Section 4 of the Acts of 1969 for the reconstruction of Bates Street.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$2,734.76 be appropriated from the Chapter 768, Section 4, of the Acts of 1969 for reconstruction work on Bates Street.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used for the purchase and installation of traffic signs.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the purchase and installation of traffic signs.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to replace drainage pipe on Northbridge Road.

RECOMMEND that the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the replacing of drainage pipes on Northbridge Road.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in three or more public places in the Town of Mendon at least seven days before said meeting; one copy thereof shall be posted on the Town Hall Building.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 23rd day of February,
A.D. 1970.

ARTHUR WIERSMA
JAMES H. GRANT
JOHN S. HOGARTH
Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:
KELSIE E. TOWNSEND
Constable of Mendon

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy and
publishing as herein directed and have otherwise complied with all
the requirements of law.

Constable of Mendon

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| | |
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| 15 | North Avenue at Northbridge Road |
| 42 | Route 16 at Main Street |
| 43 | Main Street at Maple Street |
| 44 | Fire Station |
| 45 | Route 16 at Emerson |
| 414 | Sunrise Apartments |

GENERAL SIGNALS

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| 1 Blast | Noon Test |
| 2 Blasts | All out |
| 4 Blasts | House Call |
| 5 Blasts | Out-of-Town |
| 6 Blasts | Grass and Brush Fire |
| 8 Blasts | Air Raid |

2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - No School Signal

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

POLICE DEPARTMENT 473-2727

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To Report a Fire 473-3434
Fire Permits and Business 473-5330

TOWN OFFICES 473-2312

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 473-0737

STATE WELFARE OFFICE 473-2011

